Cops stop WTO protesters from coming to Manila

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Arnold borrows scripts for California campaign

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NEW YORK—With lines like "Game over" and "Hasta la vista, baby," action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger is deploying an off-the-shelf arsenal of pop-culture catchphrases in his campaign for governor of

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TOGETHER AGAIN
What legal separation? For the first time in three weeks since Lacson alleged that President Macapagal's husband, Mr. Mike Arroyo, laundered his wife's campaign funds and intimated a love affair with his accountant Victoria Toh, the First Couple is seen publicly in congenial companionship at the annual Gridiron dinner of the National Press Club on Saturday night. (Right) Even the Arroyos' only daughter Luli, whom the First Gentleman said had been avoiding him stands by her father.

RUDY ESPERAS

Senate waiting for Ping

Joker says Lacson's absence whetting public lust for blood

By Michael Lim Ubac

SPECTATORS are hungry for blood, and Sen. Panfilo Lacson's absence is whetting their hunger.

Sen. Joker Arroyo, chair of the blue ribbon committee investigating Lacson's "Jose Pidal" exposé along with two other committees, yesterday drew this imagery to stress that the latter should come home from wherever he is and attend the inquiry set to resume tomorrow.

"While Lacson, like Nero, is abroad fiddling in his lair, we are treated like Roman gladiators in the Senate Colosseum. And the public is crying for blood," Arroyo said.

Arroyo expressed the belief that the public's "appetite" would not be sated until Lacson himself showed up to substantiate his accusations of corruption and money laundering against President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband.

The INQUIRER has learned that Lacson is in the US to secure more evidence on the Jose Pidal accounts.

Arroyo said that instead of appeasing the public, Lacson's hired proxies were "feeding the roar of the spectators crying for more blood"—a reference principally to the opposition senator's spokesperson and political strategist, Lito Banayo, who had decried an alleged attempt to cover up the Pidal inquiry.

On Friday, Arroyo assured the public that the inquiry would continue. The blue ribbon committee and the committees on constitutional amendments and on banks are to meet tomorrow to decide on the fate of the investigation.

"People want it finished," said Arroyo, a member of the administration coalition. "The tempo of this case depends on Senator Lacson. It is so unfair that we contin-

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Erap: No way for Guingona to be installed as president

By Armand Nocum

JOSEPH Estrada will never accept a situation wherein Vice President Teofisto Guingona is installed as head of state in the event that President Macapagal-Arroyo is unseated by a military coup.

Amid the heated rumors of a restless military and an impending power grab, he continues to question his successor's installation as President following Edsa II in 2001 and to insist that no less than his return to Malacañang can bring back unity in the country.

He is convinced that the government cannot resolve the issue of an "illegitimate" leader by putting in place another "illegitimate" administration.

Estrada and his lawyers have questioned the legitimacy of the Macapagal administration before the Supreme Court, and have been roundly rebuked by the tribunal.

"We will just be transferring power from an illegitimate President to an illegitimate Vice Presi-

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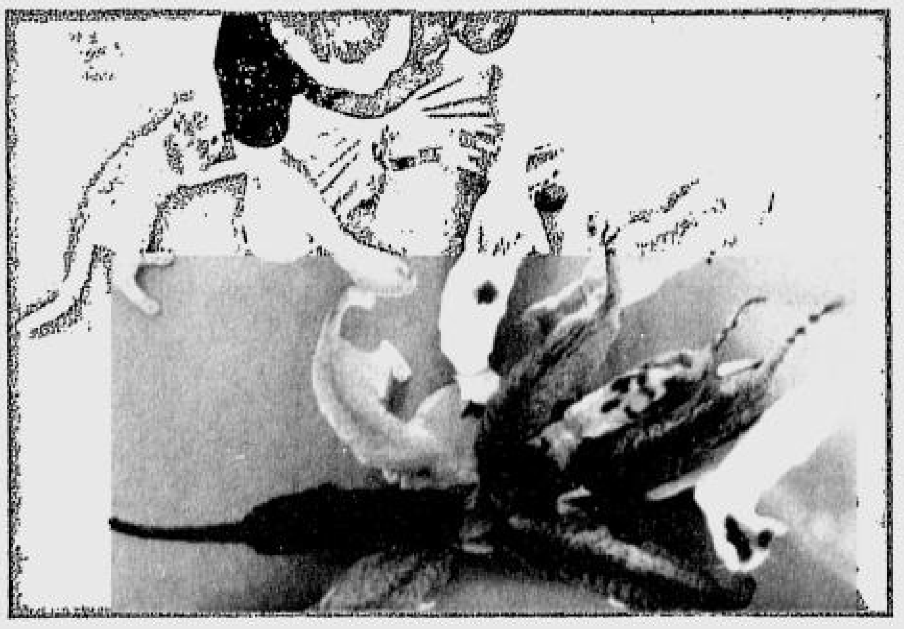

A PLACE CALLED HOME
Stray cats find a home at the Animals Rehabilitation Center along Katipunan Avenue in Quezon City. Caretaker Onyok Macaya serves lunch to his furry wards.

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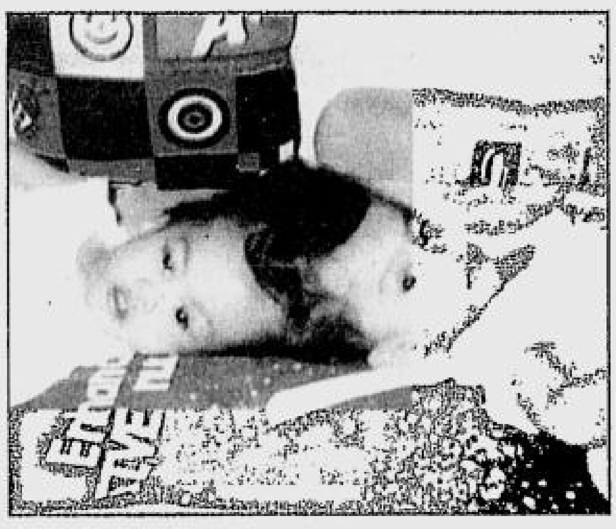

THE AGUIRRE twins are conjoined at the head, an occurrence that happens only once in every 2 million live births.

PDI VISAYAS BUREAU

Separating Filipino Siamese twins less risky, say US docs

NEW YORK—Carl and Clarence Aguirre, the 17-month-old conjoined twins from the Philippines, have arrived at a suburban New York rehabilitation center where they will live while awaiting surgery to be separated.

The surgical team said that the operation would be less risky when Siamese twins are young rather than an operation on adults.

The boys, who are from Silay, Negros Occidental, are joined at the top of the head and share a major vein called the sagittal sinus.

Twins joined at the head occur once in every two million live births.

They are expected to undergo a series of operations at Children's Hospital at Montefiore in the Bronx, planned for late October.

The twins' plight caught the public's attention when it was reported early last month that the US Embassy in Manila had refused to give them a visa to go to the United States for the operation.

The embassy eventually relented after their mother,

RP SIAMESE/ A5

Absentee vote requirement may soon be relaxed

OVERSEAS Filipinos burdened by the legal requirement that they produce naturalization papers in order to register to vote in elections here next May may be allowed to show just their foreign-issued passports.

Commission on Elections chair Benjamin Abalos yesterday said he was amenable to just such a suggestion from Filipino-American business magnate Loida Nicolas Lewis and even went further to say that overseas Filipinos could submit "whichever document was available."

Abalos has lately been leaning over backwards to accommodate Filipinos residing overseas who were recently given the vote for the first time by the Absentee Voting Law but have not been registering their intention in their numbers.

Turnout in the registration for overseas voters has been markedly low even as the exercise is set to end on Sept. 30.

Lewis, who chairs the National Federation of Filipino American Associations (Naffa), said the implementing rules and regulations governing the recently passed Dual Citizenship Law was proving to be "difficult" and "onerous" for native-born and former Filipino citizens.

Lewis, who is a former lawyer of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service, suggested a foreign-issued passport be presented as an alternative to a naturalization certificate.

A US passport showing the Philippines as the place of birth of the Filipino-American registrant "should be sufficient proof of being native-born Filipino," she said.

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'Smart' cancer drugs for free

By Anne A. Jambora
Lifestyle

WHEN Eva Ratilla, a University of the Philippines chemistry professor, was diagnosed three years ago with chronic myeloid leukemia (CML), she knew that given her modest income, it would be impossible to maintain a lifetime of drug therapy to combat the disease..

Her plight was not unique. To an estimated 700 to 1,000 Filipinos with CML, the prohibitive cost of drugs is unthinkable.

It would mean coughing up between P150,000 and P300,000 a month to stay alive.

"In the Philippines, cost is a major concern because we don't have insurance [companies] that cover the cost of drugs. Who can really afford to spend P150,000 a month?" Ratilla said.

Ratilla searched the Internet for a possible solution and came across a US-based foundation that provides CML and gastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) patients with a lifetime free supply of the revolutionary drug Glivec (imatinib).

Ratilla learned that the Max Foundation, through the Glivec International Patients Assistance Programs (Gipap), was making the drug available to patients

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The whole country will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. SOURCE: PAGASA

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Cops stop WTO protesters from getting close to Manila

AT LEAST 17 jeeploads of Bicol farmers on their way to Metro Manila for the anti-World Trade Organization protest yesterday were halted by the police in the town of Gumaca in Quezon province Friday night.

Their vehicles were thoroughly searched, Ed Mora, spokesperson of the militant Sandigan at Ugnayan ng Magbubukid sa Pilipinas (Sumapi), told the INQUIRER in a phone interview. "When they found nothing (amiss), they questioned the vehicles' permits and drivers' licenses, Mora said.

Sumapi is a nationwide organization of farmers and farm workers. The more than 360 members in the jeeps were meeting a caravan of various groups from all over Luzon joining a global protest against the ongoing WTO ministerial talks in Cancun, Mexico.

Mora claimed the stoppage was "pure and simple harassment." But Chief Insp. Eliseo Tanding, Gumaca police chief, argued that it was routine procedure in a red-alert situation.

"There were discrepancies in the permits," Tanding explained. "There was no way they could be allowed beyond the checkpoint."

The protesters were permitted to stay overnight at the covered court inside the church compound in front of the police station. In the morning, they held a protest rally right there.

"We are protesting... our government's surrender of the country's sovereignty to the multinational superpowers behind the WTO," Mora said.

The caravan started back for Bicol at around 11 a.m. Mora said they would stop at every town along the way to stage an impromptu rally.

A MEMBER of the Western Police District anti-riot squad sends out a text message while blocking Anakbayan militants in their march to the US Embassy to protest the WTO meeting in Cancun, Mexico. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

At the Talipan police checkpoint in the town of Pagbilao, another seven vehicles were blocked Friday night. But SPO2 Dionisio Baldovino said the convoy was allowed to proceed early yesterday.

In Calamba City in Laguna, 20 vehicles carrying at least 500 farmer-protesters were stopped by police in Barangay Halang, according to Bubut Palatao, member of the Freedom from Debt Coalition.

Mendiola rally

Chief Supt. Jaime Caringal, Calabarzon police regional director, said he would immediately verify the report with the Calamba police.

The demonstration at Mendiola gathered 5,000 leftists, who also protested the United States-led war in Iraq. They had assembled earlier at Plaza Miranda with banners that exhorted: "Oppose imperialist globalization and wars of aggression," "Fight for national sovereignty," and "Stop the war and stop US Bush madness."

"WTO rules and the US-led war of aggression constitute the clearest coercive tools the imperialist nations are using against the people, against the Third World nations," said Wilson Fortaleza, president of Sanlakas, another left-wing federation.

Yesterday's rally launched a series of protests planned before the scheduled arrival of US President George W. Bush on Oct. 18.

Korean tiller lauded

Earlier in the day, police prevented about 200 members of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan from marching to the US Embassy. The group instead gathered about a block away from the embassy and dispersed peacefully after they burned US flags and denounced Bush, police said.

Paolo Rosales, spokesperson for the National Federation of Patriotic Farmers, praised South Korean farmer Lee Kyung-Hae, who committed suicide to dramatize his condemnation of the WTO and imbalanced trade. Rosales said Lee "will inspire us to continue with the struggle against foreign domination upon poor economies."

Millet Morante, secretary general of the Kilusan para sa Pambansang Demokrasya, said yesterday was a "happy day."

In a statement, Morante said: "Globalization only brought misery upon the Filipinos, no thanks to a former senator and now President Macapagal-Arroyo."

In Baguio City, farmers and members of militant groups gathered at the Malcolm Square for a concert, photo exhibit and video presentation informing the public of the impact of an open trade. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau; Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk; and Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; with a report from AP*

Joma seeks resumption of peace talks

LUCENA CITY—Self-exiled communist leader Jose Maria Sison yesterday urged President Macapagal-Arroyo to fulfill the country's quest for peace by agreeing to resume formal peace talks with the communist rebels.

Sison, founding chair of the Communist Party of the Philippines, stressed that it is in the interest of the people that the peace negotiations between the government and the communist-led National Democratic Front be resumed immediately.

"This is a time when the GRP and the NDF ought to discuss the grave social, economic, cultural, political and moral problems facing the nation, offer to each other possible solutions, and strive to arrive at mutually acceptable solutions that can be incorporated into a comprehensive agreement on social and economic reforms and on political and constitutional reforms," Sison said.

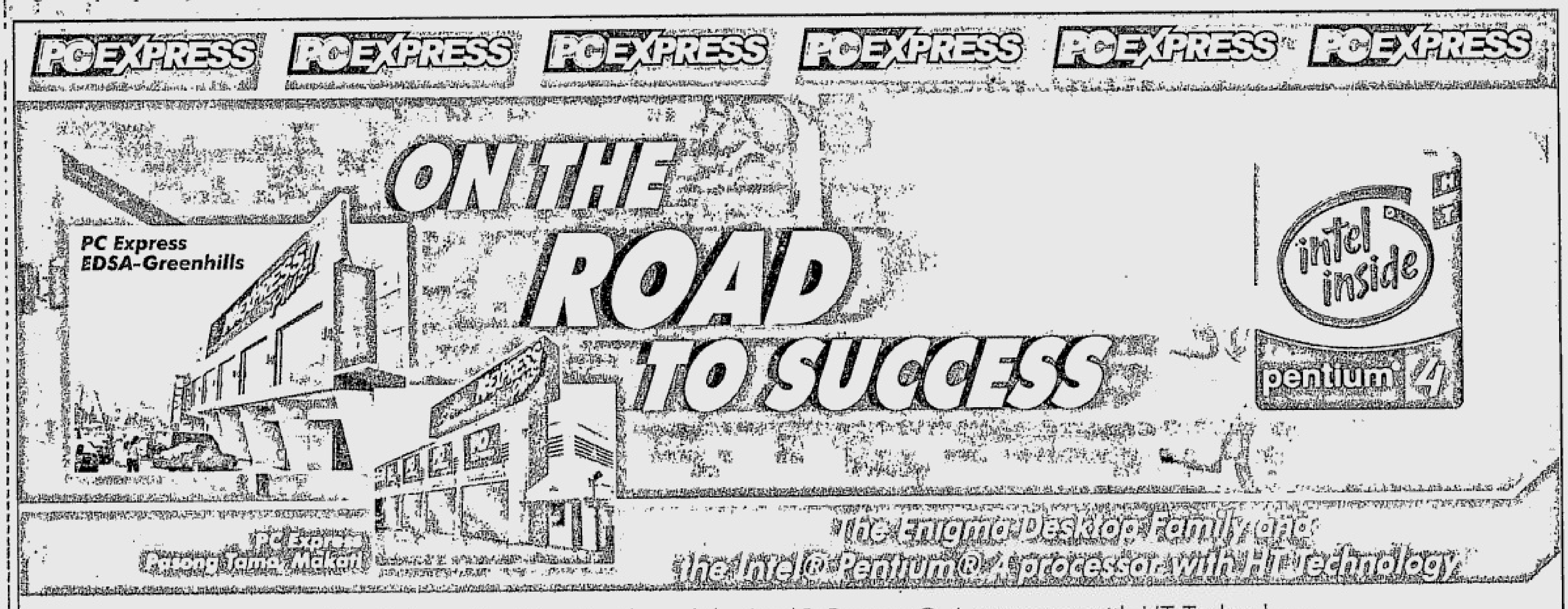
Ms Macapagal cancelled formal peace talks with the NDF two years ago to protest the killing of two legislators by New People's Army guerrillas. However, she has kept the door open to back-channel peace efforts.

Sison, now based in Utrecht, the Netherlands, serves as a consultant to the NDF, the political arm of the CPP. The NDF also acts as the rebels' negotiator and consultant in the peace talks with the government.

But Sison laid down two conditions before the NDF would agree to the resumption of the stalled peace talks.

The government, he said, must first reaffirm The Hague Joint Declaration and reject the scheme to make the NDF capitulate and yield to the 'phony' final peace agreement which he claimed favored the government.

Second, Sison said, the government should denounce the "terrorist" listing made by the US and other foreign governments as encroaching on the Philippines' national sovereignty and violating the Hernandez doctrine of political offense, The Hague Joint Declaration, the Joint Agreement on Safety and Immunity Guarantees and the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*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Intel agents deployed for Bush visit

By TJ Burgonio and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE MILITARY has deployed intelligence agents in Metro Manila to thwart any terrorist plot to disrupt the state visit of US President George Bush on Oct. 18, officials said yesterday.

Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, military information officer, said agents of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (Isafp) will conduct intensive intelligence operations in the metropolis.

"They would be centering most of their efforts on collecting information on the security situation in Metro Manila so that there would be no hitches when the US President visits Manila," he said.

In Malacañang, presidential spokesperson Ignacio Bunye said the Philippine National Police will impose strict security measures to prevent possible trouble resulting from violent anti-US rallies.

"We respect their right to demonstrate but it would be more appropriate if they could conduct it in a peaceful and orderly manner," Bunye said, warning that the use of violence and anarchy in the rallies would not be tolerated.

So far, the military has not monitored any "significant threat" by any group to mount terror attacks during the visit, Lucero said, but added: "We're working on the worst-case scenario. However, we're hoping for the best."

Chief Supt. Arturo Lomibao, police director for intelligence, said that police have not identified the worst-case scenario. "A week before the visit, we will know what's going to be the scenario," he said.

Local authorities have prepared an elaborate security plan for Mr. Bush's visit in view of the fact that the US is leading a global antiterror campaign.

The plan will be finalized in a series of coordination meetings between the US Secret Service, which is providing close-in security for Bush, and the Presidential Security Group, which is in charge of overall security during the visit.

Lomibao said a sizeable number of anti-riot policemen would be deployed to quell violent rallies by militant groups during the visit.

Two militant groups—Partido ng Manggagawa and Sanlakas—had vowed to lead a series of protest actions before and during the visit.

Yesterday, the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas said peasants and workers would stage a caravan against poverty and US aggression during Mr. Bush's visit.

"Tens of thousands of farmers would leave their farmlands to join a Luzon-wide peasants' march and caravan leading to the former US military bases in Clark Air Base," KMP secretary general Danilo Ramos said in a statement.

Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, police information officer, said that they would strictly enforce the "no permit, no rally" policy during the visit.

Director Ricardo de Leon, police spokesperson, said that rally organizers would be asked to police their ranks.

The militant Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya), said that it expects US troops to be deployed in the country in time for the visit.

Pamalakaya claimed that the arrival today of 1,500 Marines from Okinawa, Japan for a seven-day amphibious exercise in Luzon is part of the security measures being adopted for the visit.

Inquirer item on golf game 'hurt' local cops

POLICE officials are smarting from an INQUIRER report that a golf tournament became the main event of the recently concluded antiterror summit of the Asean Chiefs of National Police (Aseanapol) in Manila.

"That was inaccurate," said a miffed Director Ricardo de Leon, police spokesperson, pointing out that the report overlooked the "accomplishments" of the four-day conference that ended last Friday.

At the summit's conclusion, De Leon said, the 10 official participants issued a communique affirming the group's database on terror suspects, and committed themselves to a further exchange of intelligence information.

In short, he said in a phone interview, the meet was "very productive."

Police officials said the 23rd Aseanapol conference resulted in the adoption of several measures to root out terrorism, drug trafficking, commercial crimes and other transnational crimes.

These measures included the adoption of a system of intelligence exchange on emerging militant and radical groups, to keep them from morphing into terror organizations.

Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, police information officer, said "some" participants were hurt by the news story "because this negated the sacrifices that they made in preparing for the conference."

The INQUIRER reported that shortly after the opening session at the Manila Hotel last Tuesday, delegates rushed to the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Mandaluyong City for a practice round. *TJ Burgonio*

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   c. Cough
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2. What UP fraternity lets new members run around campus naked?
   a. Upsilon
   b. Alpha Phi Omega
   c. Sigma Rho
   d. Scintilla Juris
3. The terror attack on the World Trade Center happened on?
   a. Sept. 11, 2001
   b. Dec. 25, 1980
   c. Feb. 14, 2001
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   b. malagkit
   c. bananas
   d. egg
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   a. 5
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   c. 12
   d. 1

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Absentee vote requirement may soon be relaxed

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"The US passport is issued based on our naturalization certificate which we receive only after a thorough examination of our immigration papers including our birth certificates," Lewis said in a letter to Abalos.

She believes the requirement to present naturalization documents was meant to exclude the "infinitesimally small number" of Americans, Spanish and Chinese whose passports show that they were born in the Philippines but are not native-born.

But the provision tended to penalize native-born Filipinos who are required to present "these long-lost misplaced documents," she said.

She argued that by presenting just one document, a foreign-issued passport, "you would have hit two birds with one stone—proof of being a natural-born Filipino and proof of having been a citizen of the Philippines before becoming a citizen of our adopted country."

The passage of the Absentee Voting Law has provoked keen interest among Filipinos in the United States, at 2.5 million the largest group of Filipinos residing overseas.

The Naffaa, an organization of Filipinos and Filipino-Americans throughout the United States, has even proposed to set itself up as a Namfrel-type election watchdog body to ensure a clean and honest vote in the United States.

Comelec data show, however, that the registration for the elections here has failed to generate enough interest among the overseas Filipinos.

Only about 120,000 out of the 2.5 million Filipinos which government officials estimated would sign up turned up for the registration.

In the United States, Abalos said that only about 3,000 of the estimated 2.5 million Filipinos there had registered.

This turn of events has even pitted Abalos against overseas NGOs which he at first appeared to blame for the debacle.

The NGOs have protested against Abalos' reported remarks that some of them were asking the government for funds to launch an information campaign on overseas voting.

The Comelec chair the other day said the NGOs were not to blame for the low turnout.

He said it was because of the constraints of the Absentee Voting Law itself, particularly the provision requiring overseas Filipinos wishing to vote here to execute an affidavit saying that they planned to reside in the country within three years.

Abalos said that if the overseas voter list-up proves to be small, the Comelec was also considering doing away with the deployment of counting machines overseas.

Some overseas Filipino groups have asked that the registration be extended beyond Sept. 30 but Abalos said this would not be possible because of time constraints.

Martin P. Marfil

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, September 14, 2003
The Triumph of the Cross

1st Reading: Num 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the Red Sea road to go around the land of Edom. The people were discouraged by the journey and began to complain against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is neither bread nor water here and we are disgusted with this tasteless manna."

Yahweh then sent fiery serpents against them. They bit the people and many of the Israelites died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, speaking against Yahweh and against you. Plead with Yahweh to take the serpents away."

Moses pleaded for the people and Yahweh said to him, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a standard; whoever has been bitten and then looks at it shall live."

So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a standard. Whenever a man was bitten, he looked towards the bronze serpent and he lived.

2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Though being divine in nature,
he did not claim in fact equality with God,
but emptied himself,
taking on the nature of a servant, made in human likeness,
and in his appearance found as a man.
He humbled himself by being obedient to death,
death on the cross.
That is why God exalted him
and gave him the Name which outshines all names,
so that at the Name of Jesus all knees should bend
in heaven, on earth and among the dead,
and all tongues proclaim that Christ Jesus is the Lord
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel: Jn 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "No one has ever gone up to heaven except the one who came from heaven, the Son of Man.

As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but may have eternal life. God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world; instead, through him the world is to be saved."

Commentary

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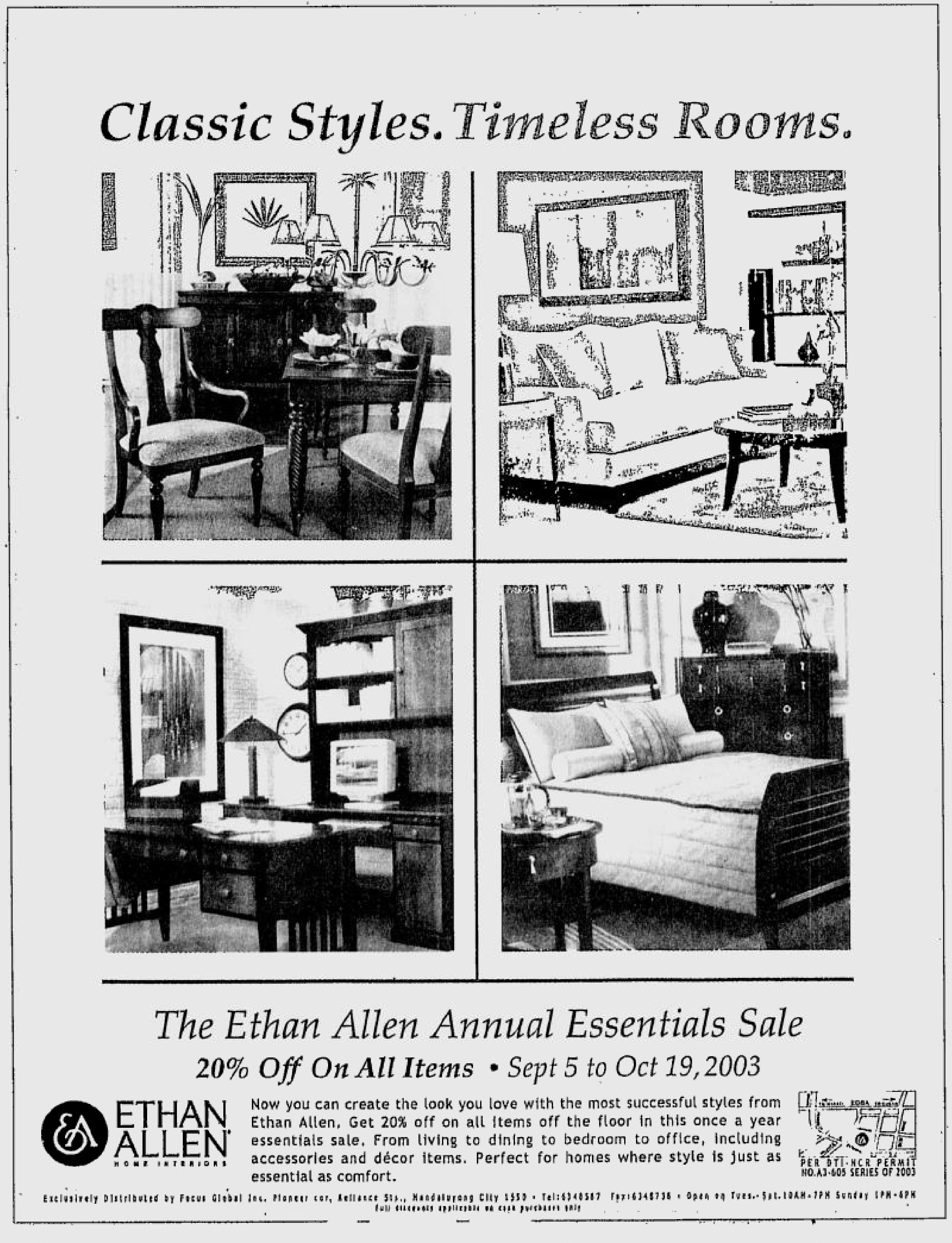
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Arnold borrows scripts...

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California.

Some public relations experts say it is an effective way of cutting through the clutter created by 135 candidates vying to replace Gov. Gray Davis.

Popular culture

"The movie phrases represent a way for a political message to break through all the white noise of a campaign to make a personal connection with voters," said Richard Killion, director of the Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire.

"Utilizing colloquial or contemporary popular culture references can be a very effective avenue for a candidate to make that connection."

Particularly if the political hopefuls know they will probably be reduced to a 30-second soundbite, said Tom McPhail, a communications professor at the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

Schwarzenegger, who gained fame with the 1977 documentary "Pumping Iron" about his bodybuilding career, announced his bid to run for governor on a late-night television comedy talk show, "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," by saying, "Hasta la vista, baby" about the incumbent. Schwarzenegger uttered the line in "Terminator 2: Judgment Day."

During the same appearance, Schwarzenegger borrowed the crazed anchorman's cry from "Network," a 1976 movie he did not appear in: "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore!"

One of Schwarzenegger's TV commercials borrows from another realm of pop culture with the line "Game over"—a phrase from the world of video games.

Catchphrases

"He's known for his catchphrases in various movies, and his movies are popular, so it's natural to assume that voters—at least the ones who like his movies—will view it positively," said Andrew Rubin of Winslow-Rubin Communications, a public relations, marketing and advertising firm in Boca Raton, Florida. "For other politicians, though, it's more dicey."

The risk is that the candidate won't be taken seriously.

The pop culture references reflect the overwhelming influence of movies, commercials, TV shows and other media.

Schwarzenegger is not the first politician to co-opt a popular movie line or advertising slogan.

In 1984, presidential candidate Walter Mondale used the Wendy's slogan "Where's the beef?" to deride fellow candidate Gary Hart.

During Clint Eastwood's successful mid-'80s run for mayor of Carmel, California, you could buy "Clint for Mayor" T-shirts decorated with a gun and the slogan "Go ahead, make my day," from one of his "Dirty Harry" movies.

Genius in simplicity

Ronald Reagan's campaign used the pep-talk capper "Win one for the Gipper"—Reagan's dying words when he portrayed Notre Dame football star George Gipp in the movie "Knute Rockne, All-American."

"If you're not imaginative enough to come up with a line of your own, you have to rely on the popular culture," Rubin said.

Still, modern politicians have displayed their share of originality.

As Iva Deutchman, a political science professor at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York, pointed out, "It's the economy, stupid" isn't from a movie, TV show or commercial, yet it was amazingly successful for Clinton. And Reagan devastatingly asked in a 1980 debate with Jimmy Carter: Are you better off today than you were four years ago?

"The genius was in the simplicity," Deutchman said. *AP*

Video to feature RP's World Heritage sites

EIGHT Philippine locations designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) as World Heritage Sites will be featured in the video documentary meant to raise public awareness of the richness and diversity of the country's national and cultural heritage.

Entitled "LEGACY: Philippine World Heritage Sites," the documentary will be premiered on Thursday, Sept. 18, 6 p.m. at the Tanghalang Leandro Locsin at the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Building in Intramuros.

The screening is among the activities which the NCCA is conducting to celebrate National Heritage Month.

Shot using special panoramic lenses, "LEGACY" follows architect Augusto "Toti" Villalon, the country's leading heritage conservation advocate, as he journeys to the eight Philippine locations chosen by Unesco as World Heritage Sites, because of their "outstanding universal value to humanity."

ON LOCATION: Director Butch Nolasco (left) prepares to shoot a scene with architect Augusto Villalon (center) with the Banaue rice terraces as backdrop.

These sites are the Tubbataha Reef National Marine Park, the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, the Rice Terraces of the Cordilleras, the historic town of Vigan, and the Four Baroque Churches of Paoay, Santa Maria, Miag-ao and San Agustin in Manila.

Their designation as World Heritage Sites puts these places in the distinctive company of 750 other sites throughout the world, including such wonders as the Pyramids of Giza, Angkor Wat, The Great Wall of China and the Taj Majal.

Butch Nolasco, who produced and directed the documentary for Infinit-1 Production Inc., said the objectives of the video are to create the necessary public awareness, especially among the youth, about the richness and diversity of the country's natural and cultural heritage, and to explain why there is an urgent need for their preservation.

Villalon, who also wrote and narrated the video, said the "LEGACY" is simply meant to instill in the Filipino "a pride of place."

The documentary, which was funded by the NCCA, is considered a landmark achievement in that it is the first full-length video to ever feature all the Philippine World Heritage Sites.

Separating Filipino ...

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Arlene,* submitted faxed documents from the twins' US sponsors.

Arlene, a nurse and a single mother, already knew she would be having conjoined twins months before she gave birth to Carl and Clarence at the Philippine General Hospital on April 21, 2002.

As soon as she saw her sons, Arlene knew they had to be separated. But she could not afford the cost of the operation.

She was referred to Children's Chance, a US-based nonprofit organization which helped to find sponsors for the twins. Its local partner, the Philippine Airlines Foundation, provided the plane tickets.

Optimistic

Until the surgeries, the twins will live at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Valhalla, where doctors will try to help them eat more and strengthen their muscles before the surgeries.

The surgical team will be led by Dr. James Goodrich, director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery, who said he is optimistic about the outcome of the operations because the twins have separate brains.

Lying on their backs wearing yellow and white shirts, Carl and Clarence looked on at a press conference on Friday as cameras flashed at the Blythedale Children's Hospital.

Doctors from Blythedale and Montefiore hospital where the surgery on the twins will take place said the series of operations on the boys will begin in coming weeks.

The first step in the complex procedure will involve stretching skin on the boys' heads by placing saline packets under their scalps to allow surgeons to patch up their heads when the final separation is made.

Beyond that emplacement of saline packets, some three or four other surgeries will be required, among them one to unbundle veins and arteries in the boys' skulls. The boys do not share a brain, but do share some veins and arteries.

The first of the surgeries will take place in October but the initial saline packet procedure will be done this month.

Separate personalities

The twins are staying at Blythedale where their nutrition is being built up. At 6.5 kg and 6.1 kg, respectively, Carl and Clarence are underweight for their age.

In coming weeks, doctors will examine the twins to map out their veins and arteries.

Caught on camera on Friday, both boys were lying on a cot, surrounded by plastic hospital toys and one of the boys banged at keys of a musical toy.

"I think they will function very well separately. They have separate personalities," said Goodrich, a pediatric neurosurgeon at Montefiore who will perform the surgery.

Fans of the Filipino twins will be able to watch their progress on a hospital website, www.montekids.org.

Less risky

Goodrich has said that separating conjoined twins when they are still young is less risky than an operation on adults.

This July, doctors in Singapore tried to separate 29-year-old conjoined twin sisters, but the operation failed and both women died.

In a separate case involving conjoined twins, surgeons in Baltimore successfully separated 2-month-old twin girls from Nigeria who were joined at the abdomen and shared a liver.

Faithful and Favour Sobowale-Davies were "doing well" after Thursday's surgery, said Dr. Paul Colombani, director of pediatric surgery at Johns Hopkins Children's Center.

"The surgery went very smoothly, with no problems at all," he said.

Another pair of conjoined baby girls who were separated Thursday remained in serious condition Friday in Los Angeles, but had stable vital signs.

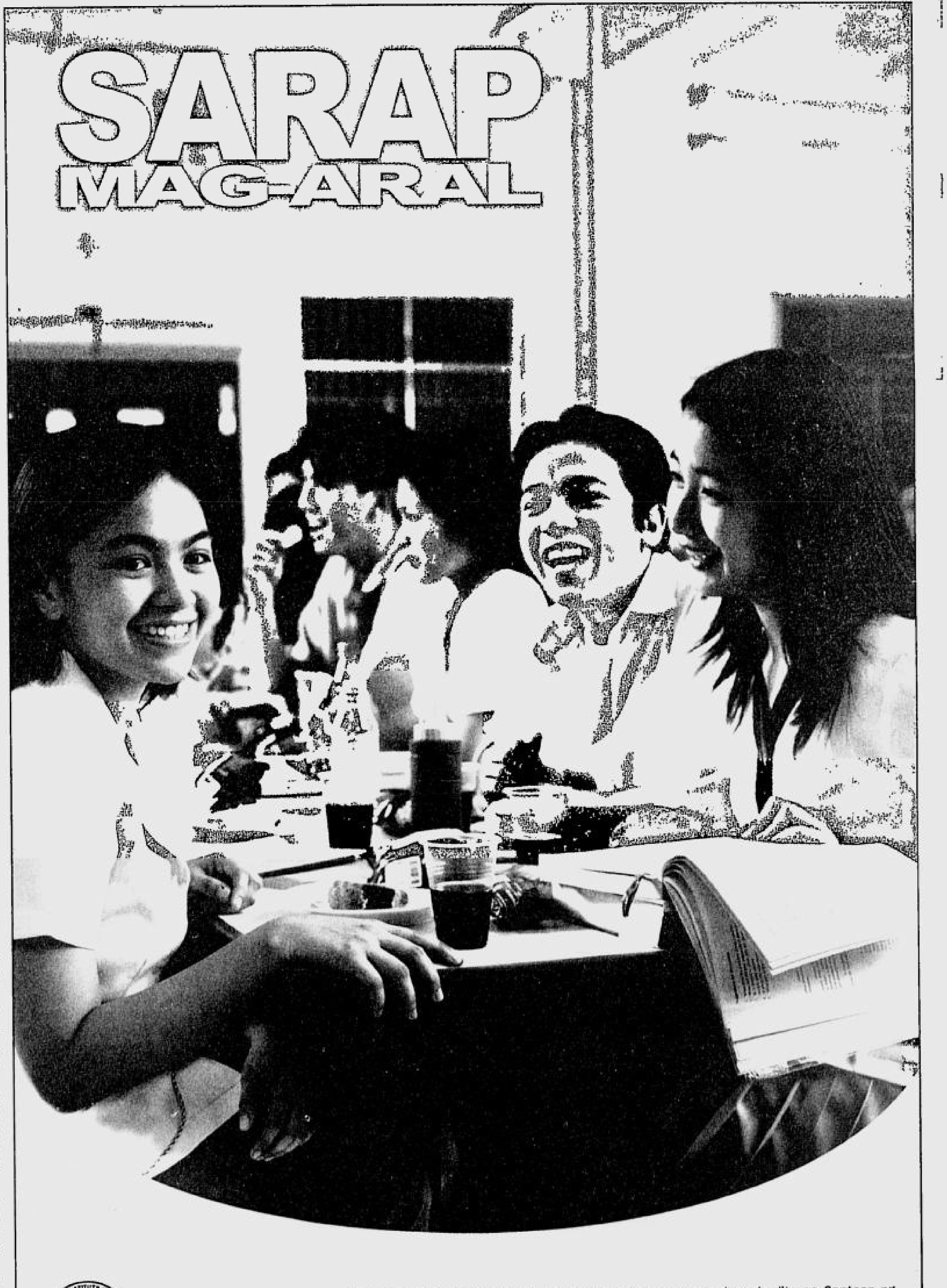
The 9-month-old identical twins, identified only as Baby A and Baby B, were separated in a marathon surgery involving about 60 medical personnel at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

"There is no reason to think they will not survive or lead healthy lives," Dr. James E. Stein, leader of the surgical team, said in a statement Friday.

The twins, who were born joined from the stomach to the hip, each had one normally developed leg, and they shared a conjoined leg. Doctors used that leg to replace tissue and bone in the girls' pelvic regions.

Only a few hundred pairs of conjoined twins are born each year around the world. Such twins are the result of a single fertilized egg failing to divide completely.

Conjoined twins occur roughly once in every 200,000 live births in the United States. Of those who survive, only a small number have organs that can be separated. *AP and Reuters*



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Bishop Bacani to say Mass for rebel officers

By Volt Contreras

CONTROVERSIAL Bishop Teodoro Bacani will officiate a Mass on Wednesday for the detained military officers who staged the Oakwood mutiny in Makati City last July, activist priest Joe Dizon said yesterday.

Asked why Bacani was chosen, Dizon said the Mass will be held in the bishop's diocese of Novaliches and "I continue to hold him in the highest esteem."

Dizon said civil society groups like PlunderWatch, Kairos and Bayan also believe that Bacani should be "as active as before" in lending his name to socio-political causes, "because the nation needs him."

Bacani, who two months ago was embroiled in a sex scandal that shook the local Catholic Church, agreed to hold a "Solidarity Mass for the Family and Friends of the Filipino Soldier" at St. Peter's Church on Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City at 9:30 a.m.

A press conference on the status of the military detainees and their criminal cases will follow the service.

Dizon made the announcement of the Mass at a press forum where a religious human rights group joined the families and friends of the rebellious officers in assailing the authorities over the continued detention of the soldiers.

Sister Mela Alvarez, spokesperson for the Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace, said the EMJP "recognizes the legitimate demands of the soldiers which the Macapagal administration has the least interest in addressing."

"Instead of addressing the real issues, witch-hunting and mudslinging against its critics became the business of (this) administration. What more can we expect out of the investigation into the detained soldiers' grievances?" Alvarez said.

The same forum gathered together three women family members of the jailed officers who are facing charges of coup d'etat aside from court martial proceedings.

They included Minnie, the wife of Army Capt. James Layug; Esperanza, the mother of Air Force Lt. Billy Pascua and Navy Lt (j.g.) Arturo Pascua, and Nena Asingjo, the aunt of Ensign Brian Babang.

Minnie Layug complained of having been "harassed" Friday night by the rebel officers' guards at Fort Bonifacio.

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Ilusorio kids lash out at ma, siblings

By Philip C. Tubeza

"LIES and distortions."

This was how three children of the late Potenciano Ilusorio described the parricide charges filed against them before the Department of Justice by their own mother and three other siblings.

In a statement through their lawyers, Ma. Erlinda Ilusorio-Bildner and Maximo and Sylvia Ilusorio said the charges were a scheme to get back at Sylvia. They said their late father, in his last will and testament, had disinherited the complainants, except the youngest child, Shereen. The old man also named Sylvia as one of his heirs and executors.

The complainants are Potenciano's wife Erlinda and her children Ramon, Marietta and Shereen.

According to the statement, "all sorts of charges" had been filed at the DOJ between the two factions through the "machinations" of the eldest son Ramon, allegedly the "mastermind of the family feud."

Among these charges were perjury, falsification, estafa, robbery, trespassing, grave threats, grave coercion, attempted homicide, attempted murder, libel, forgery, obstruction of justice, physical injury and attempted parricide.

On Sept. 5, Sylvia and a Jane and John Doe, were charged before the DOJ with "parricide or homicide or murder (as the case may be)" for Potenciano's death on June 28, 2001.

The respondents allegedly stood by and withheld assistance while the old man convulsed and vomited blood before expiring. They were said to have immediately cremated his remains to cover up their supposed crime.

Erlinda accused her three children of using her husband's medical condition to strip her of their conjugal properties. Potenciano had suffered from Alzheimer's Disease.

He was 88 at the time of his death. His survivors continue to fight over the clan's wealth, estimated at P2 billion.

The respondents' lawyers pointed out that Sylvia had been accused of parricide as early as 2001, but an investigation had rendered the charges baseless.

For the new parricide case, Erlinda's side produced two witness—Potenciano's aide Jovita Quimson and security guard Efrin Sampaga—to back up their allegations.

But the respondents dismissed the two as "disgruntled former employees . . . promised substantial amounts." The statement said "appropriate action" would be taken against them later.

Sylvia's side also debunked allegations that Potenciano became incompetent due to Alzheimer's. They pointed out that no less than the Supreme Court had declared him "sane and of sound mind . . . (therefore) confirming his legal capacity."

Moreover, they said, Potenciano's consultations with various health care professionals in the last four years of his life "resulted in voluminous testimony to his sound mental health--in contrast to fabricated and 'doctored' reports by Mrs. Ilusorio and son Ramon."

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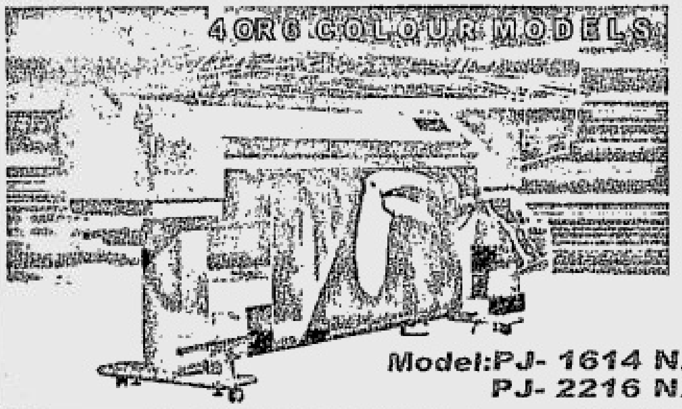

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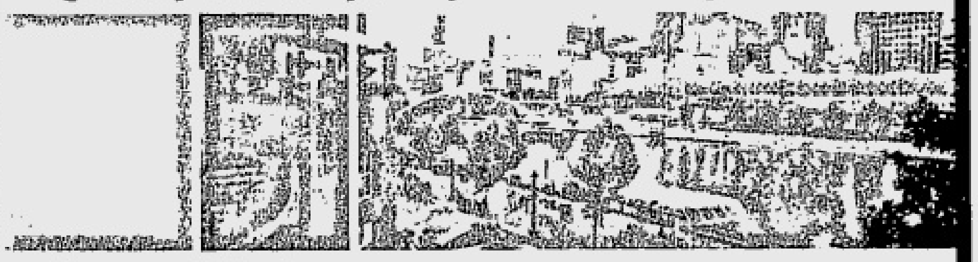

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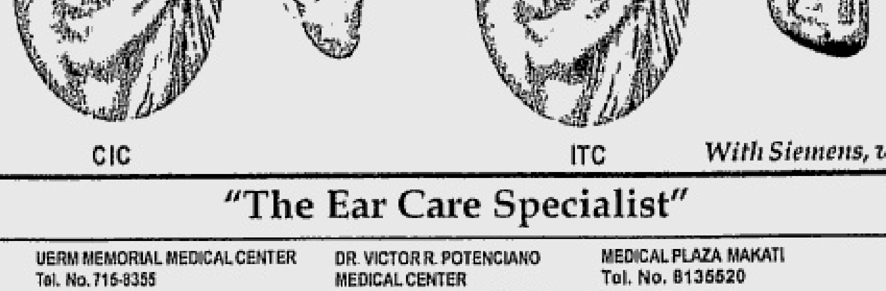

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Mummies expected to lure tourists

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI N. Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—But in the end will it be worth it?

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon has formally asked the Kabayan town government to loan for a time its sacred mummies, as part of a plan to boost foreign tourist arrivals before the end of the year.

But the undertaking will require more than just a local government's permission to move the mummies to Manila, said Benguet Gov. Raul Molintas.

According to age-old Ibaloi beliefs, mummified ancestors will have to agree to the transfer, either through a set of expensive rituals or a few fitful nights filled with vivid dreams.

"Our ancestors communicate with their descendants through dreams. That's the tale all (Ibaloi children) are brought up to believe. Sometimes the demands our ancestors make are too steep," Molintas said.

The most celebrated Kabayan mummy in contemporary times is Apo Anno, reputed to be a warrior and a mythical demigod, which was returned to Kabayan in 1999.

Appeasement

For Apo Anno's return alone, then Tourism Secretary Gemma Cruz-Araneta had to finance part of the month-long set of rituals that covered the preliminary prayers to appease the dead warrior and the divination rites that paved the way for its smooth travel and weeks of nightly vigils, said Isikias Picpican, a mummy expert who has authored a book on Ibaloi mummies.

"If they ask me, no one in Kabayan will agree to (Gordon's) request, given the difficulties we have been experiencing in trying to recover these mummies. They are asking (Ibalois) to display their dead to the world." Picpican said.

Gordon met with Kabayan Mayor Ernesto Matuday here on Aug. 31, the eve of Baguio's 94th Charter Day anniversary where he was the guest of honor.

Matuday relayed Gordon's request to Kabayan's Ibaloi elders, but has yet to receive a response.

The secretary is hard-pressed trying to double the 1.3 million visitors the country hosted between January and September to meet his self-imposed target of 2.6 million visitors this year. The year had been designated Visit the Philippines Year by the World Tourism Organization, which Gordon chairs.

Exposition

Gordon announced plans to use some of the Kabayan mummies in a tourism exposition during a press conference here.

Citing the tourism revenues being raked in by Egyptian mummies and South American Aztec and Mayan artifacts, Gordon said his new tourism recovery program aims to re-launch the Philippine travel market as a rich repository of indigenous and exotic Asian artifacts.

"I do not intend to savage (the Ibaloi) culture. Ordinarily, (the tourism department) would support trips to Kabayan where tourists can see these national treasures, but the roads to Kabayan are (inhospitable) to travel," Gordon said. "The best option is to (bring the mummies) to Manila."

But the trip alone may be too expensive, said Picpican.

"I am not saying we can already set a cost in terms of cattle or pigs. The government seems to think it is a matter of setting a price, but elders need to divine what our ancestors want in order to perform the death rites," he said.

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Abus with Bin Laden pix killed

TWO suspected Abu Sayyaf bandits, who were carrying a photo of Osama bin Laden, were killed in a brief firefight with government troops in Basilan yesterday morning.

Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero, Armed Forces of the Philippines chief information officer, confirmed the deaths but said the identities of the victims were not available.

Citing field reports, Lucero said troops recovered a picture of Bin Laden, two flags with Arabic markings, documents in Arabic and a shotgun from the slain men.

Troops from the 1st Scout Ranger Co. and the 34th Military Intelligence Co. ran into a group of heavily armed men while on patrol at Basilan Peak in Tipo-tipo.

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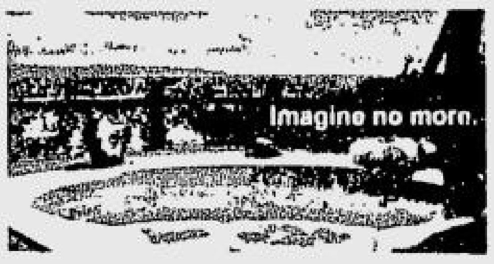

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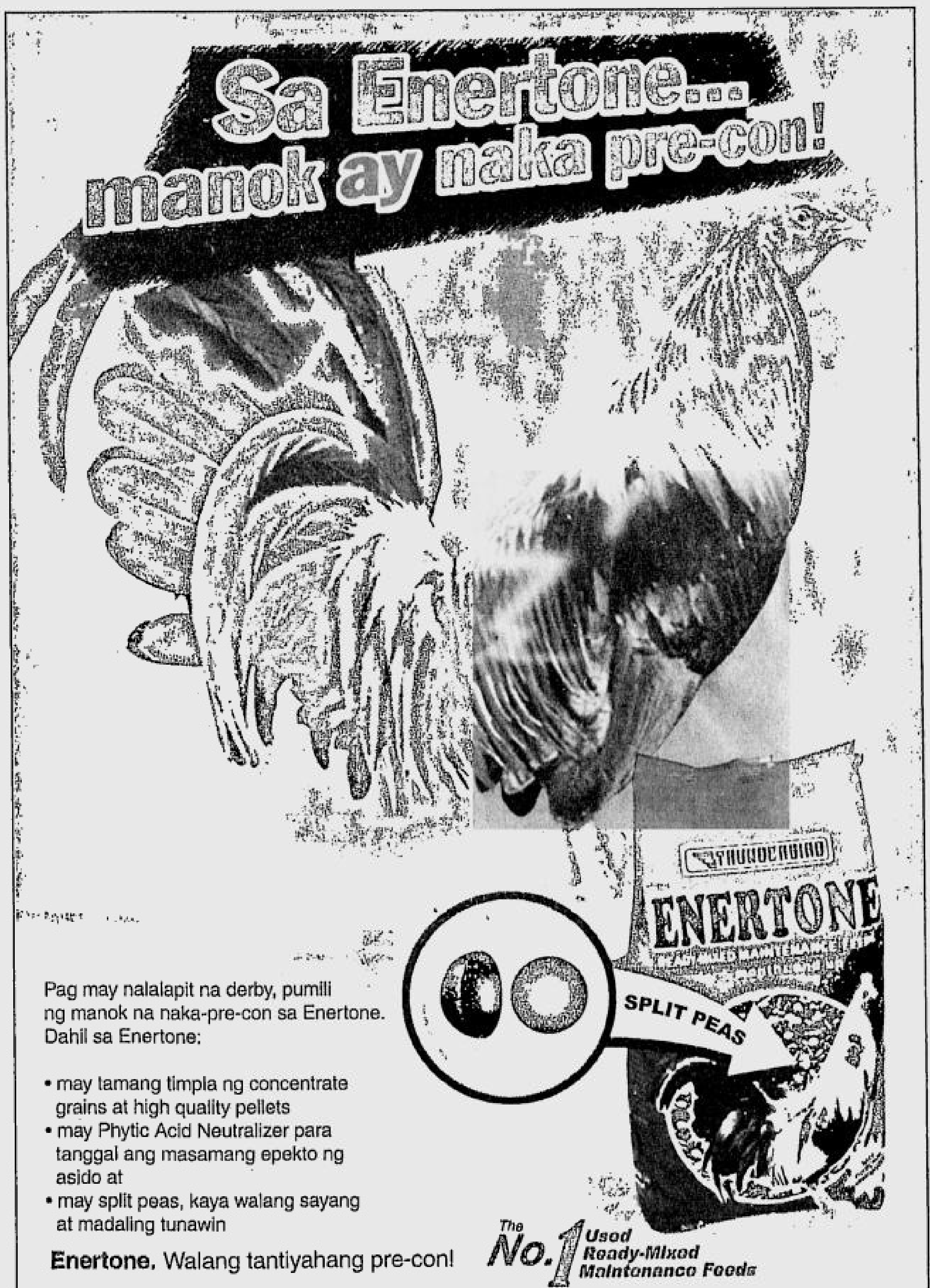

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US troops kill 8 Iraqi allies

FALLUJA, Iraq—US troops killed eight US-trained Iraqi guards and a Jordanian on Friday after mistaking the Iraqis for rebels in the heartland of resistance to the American-led occupation, witnesses said.

Elsewhere in the rebellious "Sunni Triangle," where deposed dictator Saddam Hussein may be hiding, two US soldiers died, seven were wounded, and three Iraqis were reported killed in a botched raid in the town of Ramadi.

President George W. Bush kept up pressure on the international community to back up its 130,000-strong contingent in Iraq, saying free nations cannot be neutral in the "fight between civilization and chaos."

In a speech to returning American soldiers, Bush added:

"Terrorists in Iraq have attacked representatives of the civilized world, and opposing them and defeating them must be the cause of the civilized world."

UN Security Council foreign ministers from veto-holding countries France, Britain, Russia, China and the United States, are due to meet in Geneva on Saturday to discuss a US-drafted resolution to get more international troops and money into Iraq.

In the Iraqi town of Falluja, police officer Assem Mohammed said a joint force of the local police and the US-backed security force were chasing thieves in a car shortly after midnight when US soldiers opened fire.

"They continued firing for about an hour despite our pleas for them to stop and to tell them we are police and security," Mohammed, who was wounded in the incident, said from his hospital bed in Falluja, 50 km west of Baghdad.

Nearly 24 hours later, US military authorities still had no official comment on what had happened. They did say US forces had come under a rocket-propelled grenade attack in the area and one American soldier was wounded.

Other police officers confirmed Mohammed's report and put the toll at eight dead guards and three suspected bandits. At least six police and guards were also wounded.

The Jordanian military hospital in the area was badly damaged in the firing, its side peppered by bullets and shells.

Spent bullet casings littered the road nearby, next to dried pools of blood.

An official at the hospital, set up in April to provide medical services to the Iraqi people, confirmed a Jordanian guard died of wounds he received in the incident.

The Falluja Protection Force was set up by the US military with volunteers to help Iraqi police control the unruly town.

In the Ramadi incident, two US soldiers were killed and seven wounded when an American force raided a house in the town, 100 km west of Baghdad in the US-labelled "Sunni Triangle" where support for Saddam is strongest.

Pools of blood marked the sight of what witnesses described as a vicious gunbattle involving small arms and grenades in the early hours of the morning. In confused accounts, neighbors said three Iraqis also died.

"Look at the blood all over the house," housewife Samam Kadhim said. "This is the American behavior—aggression towards Muslim houses."

Some two hours earlier, guerrillas had detonated a roadside bomb and fired small arms at a US military convoy in central Ramadi, wounding two soldiers, a US spokesperson said. *Reuters*

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Israel firm on Arafat exile, cites nat'l security

JERUSALEM—Israel rebuffed on Saturday a UN Security Council warning not to go through with its threat to exile Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, saying national security was at stake amid a new wave of suicide bombings.

Israeli forces clashing with gunmen in the West Bank town of Nablus overnight killed an 80-year-old bystander, witnesses said. Military sources said troops sought to arrest a local militant but had no word on the dead bystander.

Also in the West Bank, the army discovered three bomb belts in a Bethlehem area butcher shop, Israeli security sources said.

They accused Islamic militant group Hamas of plotting follow-ups to two suicide bombings that killed 15 people on Tuesday.

The Israeli security cabinet responded to those attacks with a decision to "remove" Arafat "in a manner that will be determined separately," provoking worldwide protests.

The UN Security Council warned Israel on Friday against such a move. "Council members expressed the view that the removal of Mr. Arafat would be unhelpful and should not be implemented," Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry of Britain said.

Israel rejected the call. "With all due respect, Arafat is a master terrorist. We will not abjure our right to self-defense," a source close to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said.

With US backing, Israel blames Arafat for fomenting violence in an almost three-year-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip—a charge he denies.

But Washington does not want the 74-year-old ex-guerrilla leader exiled, fearing this would finish off a US-led "road map" to Middle East peace already in tatters following renewed violence. *Reuters*

New role for UN in Iraq in doubt as France, India balk

GENEVA—United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan said on Friday he hoped a meeting of the five big powers on the Security Council in Geneva would lay the ground for agreement on a new role for the world body in Iraq.

But with India declaring it could not presently provide troops for a mooted multinational force and France insisting that the United States must promptly cede executive power to Iraqis, diplomats said the project still faced major hurdles.

"Hopefully we will be able to come up with a common framework and a sense of direction and purpose," declared Annan, who called the Saturday session involving the foreign ministers of the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China.

If something along these lines were achieved among the powers, the five permanent members of the 15-nation UN Security Council, it would "facilitate transactions" next week in New York on getting a new UN resolution on Iraq, he added.

But diplomats said the Indian decision announced earlier in the day against providing units to help police Iraq—on the grounds that its army was too busy fighting Islamic separatists in Kashmir—would come as a blow to US hopes.

The United States, which with Britain invaded Iraq in March to overthrow President Saddam Hussein, has tabled a draft which would transform current occupation forces into a UN-authorized multinational operation, but still under US command.

Washington, its soldiers hard pressed by guerrilla attacks across Iraq and facing mounting domestic concern at the cost of a long-term commitment, had hoped that India would provide between 15,000 and 20,000 men for the new peacekeeping effort.

Other countries with well-trained military—like Turkey, Pakistan and Bangladesh—have made clear that they will only join in if there is a clear UN mandate.

France, with Germany, accepts the force idea—although both were strongly opposed to the invasion. But it wants a resolution to stress the need for a quick end to the occupation and an early transfer of civilian authority to Iraqis.

Russia, whose President Vladimir Putin makes an official visit to the United States for talks with President George W. Bush later this month, is taking a similar but less trenchant line and is understood to favor compromise with Washington. *Reuters*

POPE John Paul II, pictured here during a welcoming ceremony at Bratislava airport Sept. 11. The Pope had sparked fresh concern for his health when he needed help with a speech, and appeared frail and trembling. AFP

Fears for Pope's health recede on Slovakia trip

BANSKA BYSTRICA, Slovakia—A somewhat stronger-looking Pope John Paul allayed fears for his health on Friday when he presided at a long open-air Mass for tens of thousands of people with no major difficulties.

The Pope, who suffers from Parkinson's disease and can no longer walk, held up relatively well during the 2 1/2-hour ceremony in a square that is a symbol of religious persecution under communism.

For Vatican officials as well as the faithful, it was a reassuring contrast with his condition on Thursday, when he slumped in his chair, could not pronounce his two speeches on his first day in Slovakia, and had to be helped by aides.

This time, the Pope read all the prayers of the Mass in Slovak but Vatican officials decided that a cardinal would read part of his sermon for him to ease his burden. The Pope read only the first and last paragraphs.

"You can see that he (the Pope) is very satisfied. His health difficulties are evident, but he feels very well inside," Cardinal Jozef Tomko told reporters while the pope was resting after lunching with the country's bishops.

When asked if this will be the Pope's last trip, Tomko reminded everyone of the pontiff's strong will to keep going: "How can you say 'the last' with John Paul II? It is very difficult to say because as we have seen, he always has surprises," he said, speaking in English.

Chief Vatican spokesperson Joaquin Navarro-Valls attributed the Pope's poor condition on Thursday to the lingering effects of a heat wave that enveloped Rome for most of the summer.

He told reporters at a news briefing: "The Pope likes to say 'when I want to know about my health I read the newspapers.'"

He denied rumors that the Pope had received medical treatment on Thursday night and said he expected the Pontiff to accept at least one of four invitations for future trips.

While he still looked tired at times, the Pope spoke in a much clearer voice, although occasionally halting and slurred.

Dressed in resplendent gold and white vestments, he seemed much more alert as he said the Mass in a cobblestone square of this central Slovak city and later in a visit to a seminary.

The chants of the flag-waving crowd, their spirits undampened by drizzle, appeared to lift his mood. He managed some waves from his Popemobile and later when he was wheeled to the altar on a special hydraulic throne.

Bishop Rudolf Balaz brought tears to some eyes when he said:

"Your visit is extremely precious for us because you come to us with weakened health, with much strain and bearing a cross."

In his sermon, which was partially read in Slovak by Cardinal Tomko, the Pontiff recalled "the bleak regime of not so many years ago" when the then Czechoslovakia suffered some of the worst religious persecution in the communist bloc.

The communists had banned a statue of the Virgin Mary for 30 years which now rests on a column in the square where the mass was held. The city had no bishop from 1950 to 1973. *Reuters*

Swedes rally for Lindh

STOCKHOLM—Tens of thousands of Swedes rallied on Friday in outrage at the murder of Anna Lindh as markets bet on a "No" result in Sunday's euro referendum despite sympathy for the pro-euro foreign minister.

Investigators have circulated pictures of a man who fits the description of Lindh's attacker to Stockholm's police force.

The images were taken from a surveillance camera in the city's NK department store where she was stabbed on Wednesday.

"We are interested in contacting this man," police spokesperson Tina Gustafsson said.

Gustafsson said police did not want to give the pictures to the media yet because they could influence witnesses being interviewed by police.

Up to 50,000 people, many carrying red roses, staged Sweden's biggest political demonstration since the Vietnam War a few blocks from where Lindh was knifed and close to where Prime Minister Olof Palme was gunned down in an unsolved 1986 killing. *Reuters*

Venezuela poll panel rejects referendum plea

CARACAS—Venezuela's electoral authority Friday rejected as flawed a petition seeking a referendum on President Hugo Chavez's rule, delivering a blow to opposition hopes to try to vote him out of office this year.

But opposition leaders immediately announced they would collect signatures again early next month to repeat the request for a vote on the left-wing president's mandate.

The ruling by the National Electoral Council declared invalid more than three million pro-referendum signatures presented on Aug. 20 by foes of the populist ruler.

Opposition leaders, who had anticipated the negative decision, scheduled a fresh nationwide collection of signatures Oct. 5 to draw up another referendum petition.

"It's not the decision we were hoping for, but we're not going to stop in our determination to have a referendum," Carlos Ocariz of the opposition Primero Justicia party said.

Supporters of Chavez quickly countered by saying that Article 72 of Venezuela's constitution only allowed a single request for a referendum during a sitting president's mandate.

This heralded more intense political and legal wrangling in the world's No. 5 oil exporter, which over the last two years has been jolted by often violent conflict between followers and foes of former paratrooper Chavez.

The president, who was elected in 1998 and reelected in 2000, has resisted the referendum challenge and had insisted the opposition signatures were riddled with forgeries. *Reuters*

Girlfriend recalls pain, pleasure with Arnold

SAN FRANCISCO—He strayed from her, and his larger-than-life persona seemed to overshadow her subsequent marriages, but now Arnold Schwarzenegger's first major love says the actor is a good man who should be governor of California.

"The hurt, the sorrow, the pain, the betrayal, the frustration, oh, I mean it was really a journey amidst loving him," Barbara Outland Baker, 55, Schwarzenegger's girlfriend for six years in the 1970s, said in her first full interview.

"Having been with him for six years and having had a friendly relationship with him for... what, 34 odd years, I can eliminate the hurt and the pain and at least see him for what he is in this moment... the best candidate for governor."

Since they broke up in 1975, Baker has not talked publicly.

But now the community college English professor is trying to find a publisher for a memoir titled "Surviving Arnold."

That period of Schwarzenegger's life has come into focus ahead of the Oct. 7 gubernatorial election because the actor has no political record and has stressed his character as a qualification to lead the nation's richest state.

Polls show Schwarzenegger suffering a gender gap due in part to a 1977 Oui magazine interview boasting of taking part in an orgy. Schwarzenegger recently said he made up some of the interview exploits but Baker said he did indeed live it up.

"We functioned in a faithful relationship. Our fidelity was supposed for six years. After the fact he had to admit that wasn't the truth," she said in the candid interview.

"When he was done with that promise of fidelity, there was a lot freedom going on there," she said. "And he blew it. He gave that interview to Oui magazine during that phase."

"He's not a perfect guy. I think because women so flaunted themselves at him, there may have been a period of time where he just assumed that every woman wanted him."

In the 1970s the then Mr. Universe even landed, albeit unwittingly, in a gay porn movie when a filmmaker took clips of his bodybuilding and slipped it into an all-male sex movie.

"When you are as famous as Arnold was with his body you have women throwing themselves at you," Baker said. "I watched homosexuals try to seduce him, I watched women try right in front of me."

One filmmaker included him in a previously undisclosed gay porn movie. "This fellow Kent asked Arnold's permission to use some footage of him for a movie, a documentary. So Arnold, trusting enough, said sure," she said. *Reuters*

SCHWARZENEGGER at a town hall meeting. REUTERS

UN lifts 15-year sanctions slapped on Libya

UNITED NATIONS—Fifteen years after the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, the UN Security Council ended its sanctions against Libya on Friday, clearing the release of up to $2.7 billion to families of the attack's 270 victims.

France and the United States, which has its own sanctions on the Tripoli government including a ban on Libyan oil imports, abstained in the 13-0 council vote lifting the sanctions, which were imposed after the 1988 bombing of the Pan Am Boeing jumbo jet in the skies over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Council approval was assured when France on Thursday withdrew a threat to veto the measure, after relatives of the victims of a separate 1989 bombing of a French UTA airliner won the promise of additional compensation from Tripoli.

French Ambassador Jean-Marc de la Sabliere said Paris had abstained to keep pressure on Libya to quickly finalize its compensation agreement with the UTA families.

US Deputy Ambassador James Cunningham said his abstention was intended to make clear Washington was not yet convinced "the government of Libya has rehabilitated itself" and would keep US sanctions "in full force" for now.

Washington still has serious concerns about Libya's human rights record and its lack of democracy as well as "its irresponsible behavior in Africa, its history of involvement in terrorism, and most important, its pursuit of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery," Cunningham said.

German Ambassador Gunter Pleuger, while voting to lift the sanctions, said his country was still waiting for compensation from Libya for the 1986 bombing of the La Belle nightclub in Berlin, a haunt of American military personnel.

That attack killed three people and wounded 231.

Pakistan and Syria, which also voted for the resolution, expressed sadness that Libyans had long suffered as a result of the sanctions imposed on their government.

The United States and Britain first called for adoption of the resolution last month, after Libya accepted blame for the Lockerbie bombing, renounced terrorism and agreed to put $2.7 billion into a special account for compensating the victims.

"Libya's renunciation of terrorism is the first time in the modern era that a state has unequivocally renounced to the United Nations the use of terror as an instrument of policy," British Ambassador Emyr Jones Parry said.

"Although nothing can bring back those who died in Lockerbie, we hope this decision today—and more importantly, what it represents—will bring some measure of comfort to their relatives and friends," he told the 15-nation council.

Reuters

The Lockerbie payout deal

UNITED NATIONS—The UN Security Council on Friday lifted UN sanctions on Libya imposed after the 1988 bombing of US Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people.

Herewith are the details of the $2.7 billion (2.4 billion euro) compensation package which led to the lifting of the sanctions. Under the deal, Tripoli also accepted blame for the bombing and renounced terrorism.

- Libya will pay up to $10 million to the families of each of the 270 victims, with the payments coming in three separate stages.
- The first $4-million payment is due to be delivered now that the sanctions have been lifted.
- The second $4 million is due once separate US sanctions on Libya are lifted. The United States said at Friday's Council meeting that those sanctions would stay in place for the moment.
- A final $2 million would come after Washington removes Libya from its list of nations that sponsor international terrorism.
- If the United States does not carry out the last two measures within eight months, Libya would be obliged to pay only an addition one million dollars for each victim.
- A US official in Washington has said that the settlement allows for extensions of the eight-month deadline if the families and Tripoli agree.

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d. Lease Purchase Accounts of individual members

The following accounts are not covered by the RRRP:
a. Fully paid IREL, DCS and BKP accounts.
b. DCS accounts resulting from sale of acquired assets and
c. Foreclosed/cancelled accounts

Terms and Conditions on RRRP

Condonation of Penalties and Surcharges
a. **For IREL and DCS/Lease Purchase Accounts.** All penalties and surcharges previously imposed shall be condoned
b. **For BKP Accounts.** All surcharges previously imposed shall be condoned. Penalties, which is in the form of additional interest and integrated therein, shall not be condoned
c. **For previously Restructured Accounts.** All penalties and surcharges previously imposed from the date of last restructuring shall be condoned, except RA 8501.

Minimum Payment Requirement
a. **Up-to-date accounts and Non-Delinquent Accounts.** No downpayment required. If the borrower wants to reduce the balance to further lower the interest rate payment must be made within the month of application
b. **Accounts in Default.** At least ten percent (10%) of the outstanding balance net of penalties and surcharges which must be made within the month of application.

In the event the 10% downpayment is not completed within the month of application, said payment shall be applied as regular payment and application shall be cancelled. In the event borrower re-applies, he will be required to put up another 10% of the outstanding balance net of penalties and surcharges as of the month of application.

Restructured Balance.
The amount to be restructured shall be the outstanding balance net of penalties/surcharges condoned and downpayment, if any

Effectivity Date of Restructured Account.
a. **Up-to-date Accounts and Non-delinquent Accounts.** The first amortization shall be due on the month of application.
b. **Accounts In Default.** The first amortization shall be due at the end of the month following the month of application

Terms of Payment

The borrower shall have the following options for the term of payment.
a. Remaining term
b. Any year from one to fifteen as may be opted by the borrower, which ever is longer.

Interest Rate

For members	Interest Rate
P 180,000.00 and below	8%
P 180,000.01 to P300,000	10%
P 300,000 and above	12%
For non-members	
-above rates	+2%

Repayment Scheme.
a. For active members as principal borrower - salary deduction. Any deficiency shall be covered by salary deduction from a co-maker(s) and/or issuance of twelve post dated checks covering the deficiency for the succeeding twelve months
b. For non-members as principal borrower and co-maker — issuance of post dated checks.
c. Twelve post dated checks shall be prepared initially. Every anniversary of the loan, the borrower shall be required to submit the next twelve checks for the amortization for the following year and every year thereafter until the loan is fully paid

Sales/Mortgage Redemption Insurance (SRI/MRI)

a. Re-insurance of restructured accounts with lapsed SRI/MRI coverage(on original loan) shall be at the option of awardee / buyer of rights, subject to all existing Optional Life Insurance policies
b. Restructured accounts which SRI / MRI did not lapse, shall remain in force but only for the amount corresponding to the present value of the original loan. The difference between the restructured amount and present value may be insured but shall be subject to whatever actuarial adjustment there might be

Penalties and Surcharges

Any unpaid amortization during the term of the restructured account shall be charged a penalty computed monthly using the table and as illustrated below

Principal Loan	Penalty Rate
P180,000 and below	1/
P180,001 to P300,000	2/
Above P300,000	2/

1/ (0.50% x total arrearages) + (0.08% x principal balance)
2/ (0.50% x total arrearages) + (0.32% x principal balance)

Processing Fee

A processing fee shall be collected from the applicant for each account availing of this program, as follows
a. Restructuring — P500.00 only
b. Subrogation Fee - - one half percent (1/2%) of the original loan

Subrogation of Rights

Application for subrogation / Transfer of Rights shall be processed and approved subject to the following requirements
1. Submission of the following
   a. Deed of Transfer of Rights,
   b. Special Power of Attorney
   c. Multiple subrogation/ transfer maybe allowed provided that all the corresponding contracts and other documentary requirements are presented to the GSIS for authentication;
   d. Extra-judicial settlement and partition, if sale is after death of original borrower, to be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and an Affidavit of Publication;
   e. Authentication of legal documents, if it is notarized abroad
2. The terms and conditions as described above.
3. Interest rates shall be as stated above

Restructuring Agreement

The restructured/subrogated account shall be covered by a Supplemental Agreement embodying the terms and conditions of this program. The provisions of the original contract shall remain in full force, except as amended herein.

Application Requirements.

1. Application form duly accomplished and signed by any of the following
   a. Principal borrower / awardee (including the co-makers if any)
   b. Buyer of Rights/transferee
   c. Any duly authorized representative of the above
2. Latest payslip principal borrower / awardee/co-maker and or Buyer of rigths.
3. Valid Identification Card;
   Passport — Driver's License
   SSS — Company ID
   Voter's ID — Senior Citizen's ID
   Others as may be determined by the GSIS
4. Commitment Letter to pay either by salary deduction, issuance of post-dated checks or combination

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Rice production loss reaches ₱2.4B

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Rice production losses in the Philippines from November last year to April 2003 reached about 300,000 metric tons of *palay* or P2.4 billion (at P8 per kilogram) because of floods.

Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo Jr. ordered the start of the "quick-turn-around planting strategy" this week until October, called as the *palagad* or off-season farming, to recoup the losses and stabilize supply.

The dry cropping season's losses were higher by 50,000 MT compared to the decline in 2002 on the heels of a prolonged drought and floods.

Under the strategy, adopted for the second time and supported by an P80-million budget, the Department of Agriculture would subsidize half of the cost of 40 kg of certified seeds and two bags of fertilizers needed to replant a one-hectare farm.

Planters could also avail themselves of subsidized pricing at P1,000 for every 20-kg bag of mestizo hybrid rice seed or P1,200 for a pay-later scheme.

Certified seeds will be taken from the GMA Rice Program, named after President Macapagal-Arroyo, while the hybrid rice seeds will come from the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) fund.

In Central Luzon, the country's top rice producing region, at least 10,000 farmers tilling 21,835 hectares are being mobilized to adopt the strategy allotted with local funding worth P28 million, agricultural officials said.

The region produced 3.2 million MT of *palay* last year. Reports from the DA said Typhoon Harurot last July damaged 35,034 MT of *palay* with an estimated value of P87.9 million in Central Luzon and Aurora province.

The Ilocos region, Cagayan Valley, Cordillera and Central Luzon contributed 37 percent to the total 13.9 million MT of rice produced last year.

Lorenzo's directive, sent to the 13 regions, including the Cordillera, did not indicate the total number of hectares targeted for planting. Agriculturists estimated the cost of assistance to be P1,000 per hectare.

Only planters with small farms, which range from one to two hectares of irrigated riceland, are qualified for assistance.

Lorenzo said the strategy could "produce 358,000 MT of *palay*, enough to compensate the possible production losses this (year)."

The government is also implementing the Farmers as Importers Program that allows farmers' groups or cooperatives to import rice during lean harvest months to ensure the continued supply of rice. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Protests against GMOs continue as Bt corn foes stopped by police

By Cristina Arzadon
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

LAOAG CITY—About 50 protesters staged a lightning rally around the city's commercial district Friday to protest the ongoing field trials of the genetically modified crop Bt corn.

Uniformed guards immediately blocked the entrance roads going to the provincial capitol to keep the protesters away from the capitol grounds.

At that time, employees were huddled at the capitol lobby while serenading Ilocos Norte Gov. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on his birthday.

The protesters belonging to the Anakbayan-Ilocos and the Solidarity of Peasants Against Exploitation (Stop-Ex) stopped by the roadside chanting anti-Bt corn slogans.

Sherwin de Vera, Anakbayan deputy secretary general, said 300 hectares of farmland in Dingras town, the province's rice granary, have been set aside for Bt corn planting.

De Vera said another 50 hectares have been set aside in Ilocos Sur and other sites of field trials in La Union.

"The debate is still raging about the safeness of Bt corn, including the cost-benefit it could provide to farmers, yet field trials have covered a wide area of farmlands," De Vera said.

He added: "We have coordinated our efforts with the farmers' group in the communities to sustain protest rallies against the widespread field testing of Bt corn."

At least five hectares of farmland have already yielded the first Bt corn harvest in Dingras in preparation for the modified crop's commercialization.

The office of the provincial agriculturist, which tapped the US-based Monsanto for the Bt corn supply, has started a separate field-testing of another four hectares of farmland in Vintar town.

Bt corn is a variety that can withstand corn borers, the primary enemy of corn crops.

But critics cited several studies showing that transgenic organisms have adverse effects on non-target and friendly insects.

COMRADES IN ARMS REUTERS
Gen. Michael Hagee, commandant of the US Marine Corps, meets with Filipino Army officers during his visit to the Southern Command headquarters in Zamboanga City amid alerts over possible terrorist attacks and kidnappings by the Abu Sayyaf.

Pentagon sighting puts Cotabato cops on alert

COTABATO CITY—The entire city police force had been placed under maximum alert following intelligence reports that members of the Pentagon kidnap-for-ransom group, led by Tahir Alonto, were spotted here on Tuesday.

Senior Supt. Peraco Macacua, city police director, yesterday said it was obvious the kidnap gang was running out of funds again.

He said Alonto's group could be targeting prominent businessmen in the city.

In the late 1980s, several Filipino-Chinese traders were kidnapped by the gang under the leadership of Abogado Bago, alias Commander Mubarak.

Some of Mubarak's men had joined forces with Alonto and Faizal Marohombsar to form the Pentagon after the police and the military killed him during an operation in Pantukan, Davao del Norte in 1993.

"We have been conducting a 24-hour mobile and foot patrol in all areas that used to be their (kidnappers) hiding places, including the Timaco Hill," Macacua said.

The Pentagon gang, which gained notoriety especially with the abduction of at least five Chinese engineers working on the government irrigation project in North Cotabato in 2001, was widely thought to have disbanded following a series of military operations against it.

But on Sept. 1, police and military authorities agreed it was very much active when it tried but failed to abduct a trader from Tacurong City in Sultan Kudarat province.

At least 10 people, including four suspects, died in the said attempt.

Brig. Gen. Agustin Demaala, commander of the Army's 301st Infantry Brigade, said the Pentagon was raising funds for Alonto's medication.

The kidnap leader was allegedly gravely ill.

But Silvino Cinches, director of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) in Central Mindanao, said the Pentagon could be trying to raise funds in support of some politicians during the 2004 elections.

"This could be the main reason why it was suddenly active again," Cinches said.

Meanwhile, Maguindanao Gov. Datu Andal Ampatuan handed over at least 20 patrol cars to the police to boost the provincial government's campaign against criminality.

Cotabato City is basically part of Maguindanao although it is administratively and politically under Central Mindanao.

"This is to ensure that Maguindanao is a safe place to visit," Ampatuan said during recent turnover rites at the provincial capitol in Shariff Aguak town.

Besides the Pentagon, the military is also running after the terrorist group Abu Sayyaf, which was responsible also for a spate of kidnappings in Mindanao. *Charlie Señase, Rosa-May de Guzman and Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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13 September 2003

The Department of Health announced that, starting Monday, September 15, the public may call up telephone number **7114094** for information on where to buy their medicine at low prices.

To be initially manned by a licensed pharmacist, the hotline number is open from Mondays to Saturdays, 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Consumers who have some difficulty in buying their medicine from their favorite drugstore can call up the hotline and find alternative drugstores where their medicines are also available.

They can also ask about the price range of drugs in the different drugstores so that they can choose what is affordable for them.

Persons, however, who ask for a prescription over the phone will be advised to see a doctor.

The hotline, dubbed **Reseta Hotline**, is part of the government's effort to widen the public's access to high quality, low-priced medicines, in collaboration with its partners from the drug industry.

Inquirer—Sept. 14, 2003

2 container vans of smuggled rice disappear at Cebu port

By Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—The disappearance of two 20-foot container vans at the Cebu International Port (CIP) may lead to the resolution of the ambush of two customs officials in Cebu last July.

This surfaced after two port workers went to the National Bureau of Investigation in Central Visayas (NBI-7) and admitted they were paid in exchange for the release of the vans, which allegedly contained close to 1,000 bags of seized smuggled rice.

One of them said that the person who negotiated for the release of the vans had told him that the confiscation of the shipment was the reason for the assassination of Customs Deputy Collector Eduardo Lao.

Lao, along with Customs Appraiser Bennet Soreno, was killed in an ambush on July 24, six days after he ordered the seizure of 10 20-foot container vans last July 18 that were on board the cargo vessel Pacific Envoy from Singapore.

Reynaldo Esmeralda, NBI director for Central Visayas, admitted that investigators were looking into the angle that the Lao killing was connected with the confiscated rice.

He said they had identified the owner of the illegal rice shipment but would not release his name until his agents had arrested the suspect.

Isidro Estrera, customs police district commander, asked the NBI to conduct an investigation after he discovered on Monday that two of the 10 vans had disappeared.

Arnel Ondoy and Arnold Glodove, workers of the Oriental Port and Allied Services Corp. (Opascor), surrendered to the NBI headquarters here after receiving death threats.

The Opascor is the exclusive foreign cargo handling service provider at the Cebu International Port.

Glodove told investigators that a certain Rustilo Fernandez introduced them to one Wendell de la Fuente who offered them P10,000 for every van that would be pulled out from the Cebu port.

Ondoy was on duty at the port on Sunday. But only two vans were released because Ondoy had to report to Pier 5.

Glodove told reporters that he was given P10,000 the next day in Tipolo, Mandaue City. Ondoy said he was paid only P5,000 immediately after the vans' pullout.

Glodove said Wendell and Fernandez did not tell them who owned the seized rice.

But Glodove said Wendell told him that the seized shipment was the reason Lao was killed. He said he then stopped asking more questions about the owner of the contraband.

NO ISLAMIC BANK

$150M in OIC aid to Mindanao lying idle

COTABATO CITY—Millions of dollars in aid from the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) in support of the 1996 peace process between the government and the Misuari-led Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) could not be transferred to Mindanao because of the lack of a government-recognized Islamic bank in the country.

Antonio Santos, vice president for Mindanao of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), said the money, amounting to about $150 million, could have already fueled the development of war-torn areas of the island instead of being idle in a Malaysian bank.

Fund

The fund was raised four years ago by OIC countries to symbolize their commitment in helping eradicate poverty in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

ARMM, which covers the provinces of Maguindanao, Tawi-Tawi, Lanao del Sur, Basilan, Sulu and Marawi City, is one of the country's poorest regions.

Santos said the funds could not be transferred to the privately owned Al-Amanah Islamic Bank, which has five branches all over Mindanao, because the Bangko Sentral has yet to recognize it as an Islamic bank.

Transferred

Santos called on the government to accredit Al-Amanah or establish a similar bank so the funds could be finally transferred to Mindanao.

Santos aired suspicion the government was not keen on recognizing Al-Amanah or to set up a similar entity, because commercial banks were being threatened.

The Islamic banking system implements a zero-interest policy.

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Santos said once recognized the Al-Amanah could also serve as a credit facility to small businessmen in the country.

Rosa-May de Guzman, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Comelec unseats Zambales mayor, tags rival winner

SAN ANTONIO, Zambales—The Commission on Elections' first division on Monday ordered Mayor Romeo Lonzanida of this town to vacate his office as it declared his rival, Juan Alvez, winner in the 2001 elections.

In a ruling issued by the division headed by Commissioner Rufino Javier, Alvez was found to have won over Lonzanida by 377 votes based on the "revised, appreciated and recounted tally of votes."

The ruling annulled Lonzanida's proclamation by the regional trial court in Iba town on Jan. 9 this year. It also ordered Lonzanida to cease and desist from performing his functions as mayor of this town in favor of Alvez.

Vice Mayor Lugil Ragadio said business transactions at the municipal hall remained normal as Lonzanida filed a motion for reconsideration with the Comelec office in Manila.

"In an election contest where what is involved is the correctness of the number of votes of each candidate, the least and most conclusive evidence are the ballots themselves" the Comelec ruled.

"But where the ballots cannot be produced or are not available, the election returns will be the best evidence."

Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk

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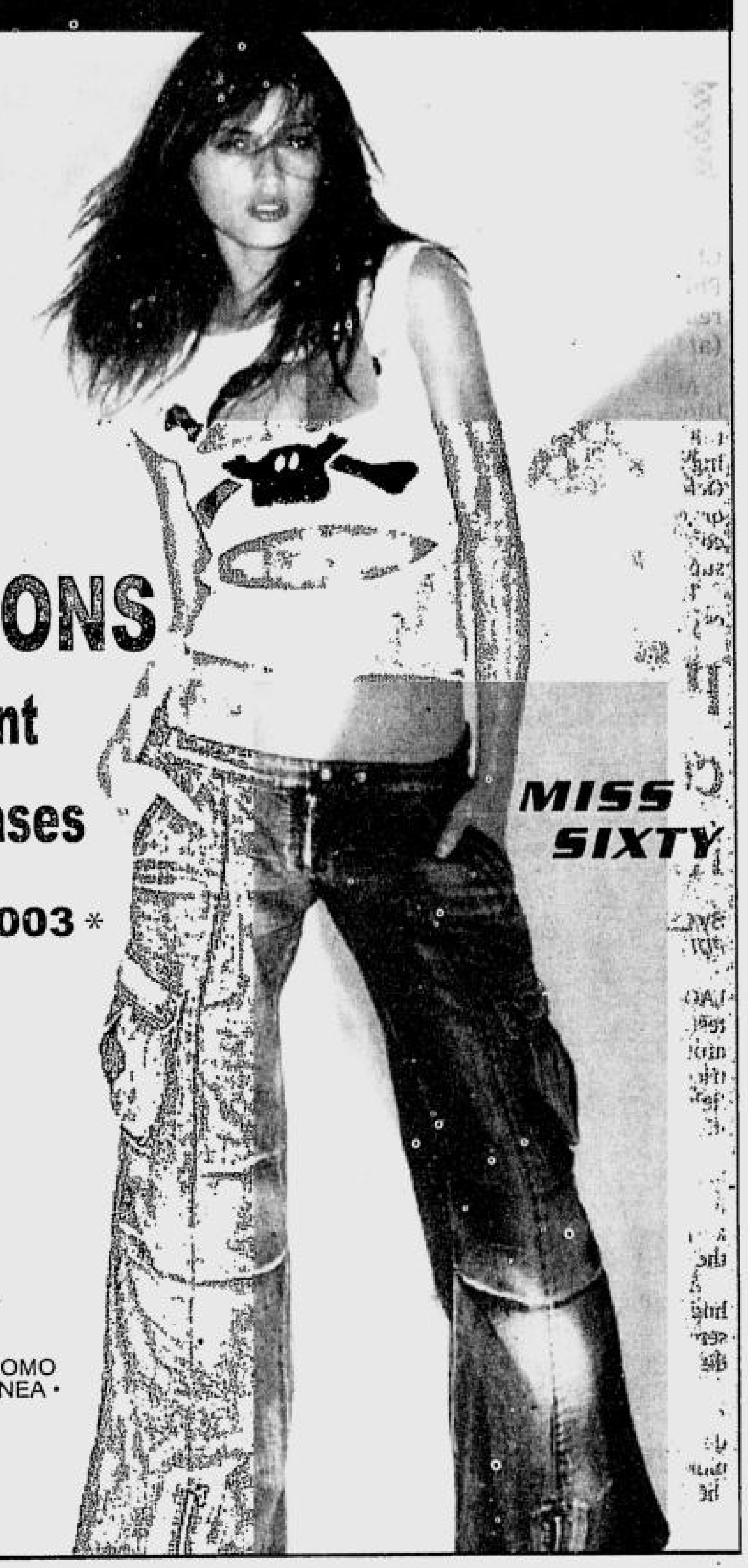

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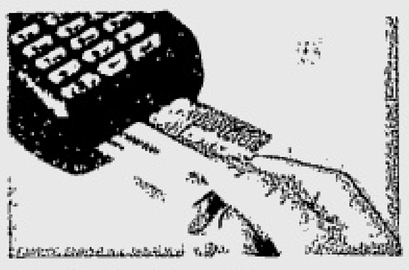
SM launches loyalty program

The SM Group, the country's largest retail conglomerate, has launched its own customer loyalty program. Called SM Advantage, the loyalty points-based program initially covers SM Department Store, SM Supermarket and Super SM Hypermarket in Metro Manila, Bacoor and Pampanga.

Offering an endless selection of rewards, freebies and privileges to its members, SM Advantage promises to be the biggest loyalty program in the Philippines. "Just when you thought we've already got it all, we come up with something bigger," says Rey Maclang, marketing head of Marketing Convergence, Inc., the SM affiliate responsible for the design, development and implementation of SM Advantage. According to Maclang, SM Advantage is "SM's way of thanking the millions of shoppers who continue to make SM their favorite shopping destination".

SM branches in the provinces, as well as the other SM retail affiliates and selected mall tenants, are expected to be included in the SM Advantage loyalty program sometime next year.



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Applying for an SM Advantage membership

The program's renewable two-year membership is open to everyone who is 18 years old and above. Minors between the ages of 12 and 17 must obtain parental consent in order to apply. Membership fee is pegged at P100.

Anyone wishing to be an SM Advantage member must fill out an application form and pay the membership fee in cash at any designated cashier's counter of SM Department Store, SM Supermarket, and Super SM Hypermarket. He should then submit the cashier-validated form, and present a valid ID, to any SM Advantage Booth or Counter located in these stores. After checking the application form for completeness, the Customer Service Assistant will give the applicant a claim-stub indicating the date for claiming his personalized SM Advantage Card.

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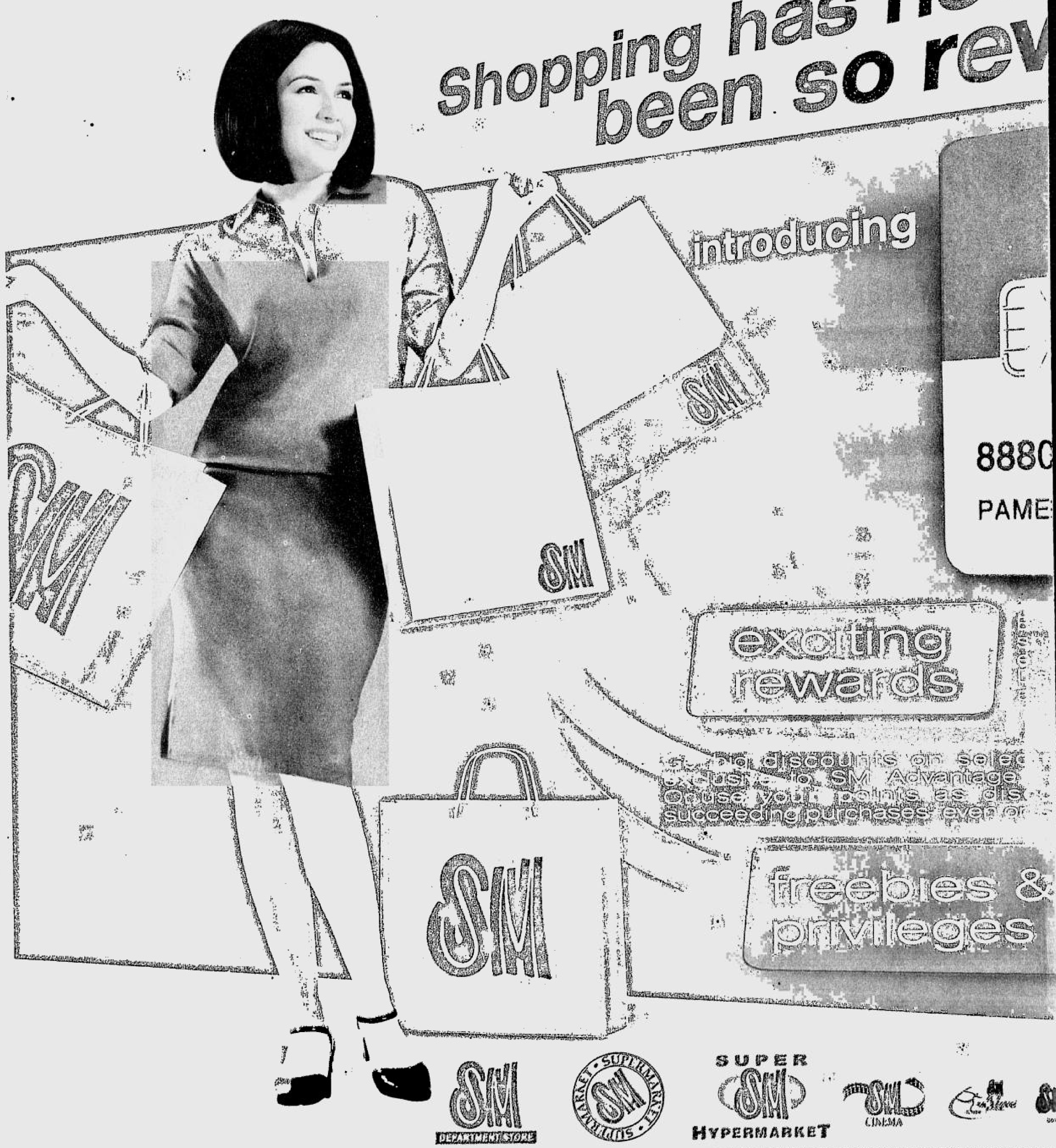

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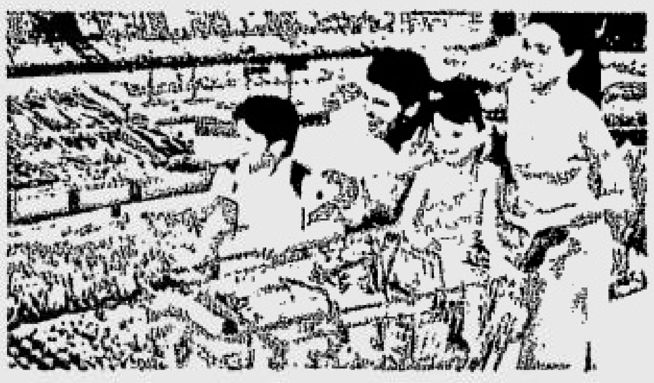

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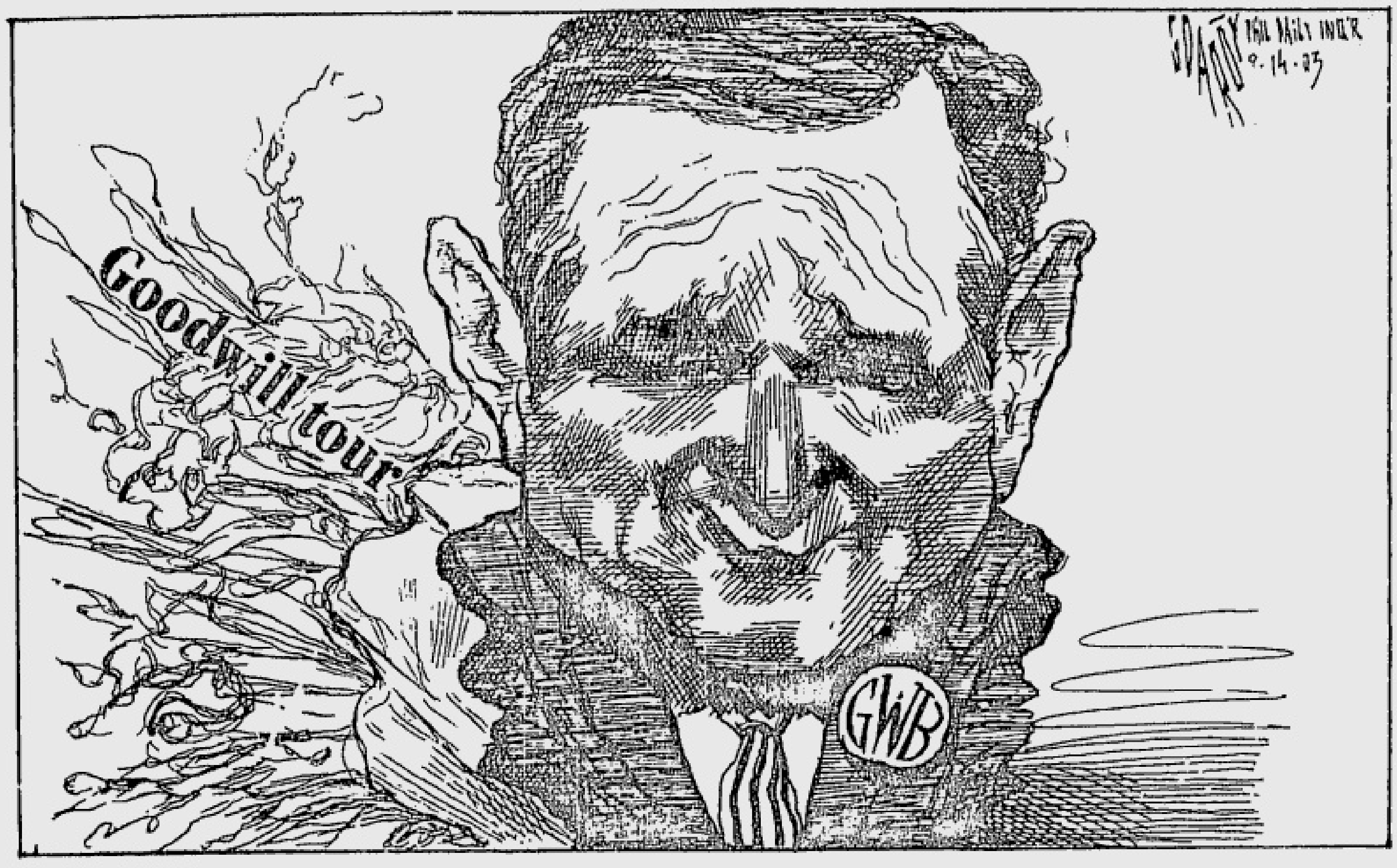

Below the skirt

EDITORIAL

AFTER HIS colleagues in the ruling Lakas-CMD party called on him to resign for proposing that the President file for legal separation from First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo, Rep. Magtanggol Gunigundo dug in his heels. "The President must think things over and do the politically right thing," Gunigundo told reporters on Thursday.

There is much that is wrong with Gunigundo's proposal, but the worst of it is in that one defiant sentence. The last five words, in particular, make it clear that, for the young lawmaker from Valenzuela, politics is all-consuming and takes priority over everything else. The nuances of law, the imperatives of morality, the needs of the people, even the canons of good taste—all these are subordinate to "the politically right thing."

And for Gunigundo, the politically right thing for the President to do is, in effect, to kiss her marriage of 35 years goodbye to meet an overriding political objective: that is, win next year's elections for the party. Gunigundo's brazen, practical proposal demands an update of the late Manila Mayor Arsenio Lacson's famous putdown of Ernesto Maceda. To wit: so young, and so political.

Clearly, Gunigundo is worried that the Jose Pidal controversy may damage the ruling party's chances in the May elections. He said that the allegations raised in two privilege speeches by opposition front-runner Sen. Panfilo Lacson against the First Gentleman, about the alleged money-laundering of campaign donations through the use of several secret accounts, are threatening to break the Lakas party apart and derail the President's election to a full term.

Other Lakas members have quickly jumped in to take issue with Gunigundo. The President's political liaison officer, the same Cabinet-rank official whose task is to maintain Malacañang's working relations with legislators from both chambers in good order, was the most acerbic. Secretary Jose Rufino strongly denied that other members of the party were inclined to think Lacson's charges were true. "The party is fully behind the President, except for a few who are using this (controversy) for their own agenda," he said.

Rufino called for sanctions against Gunigundo, for his "below the skirt" proposal that the First Couple legally separate. "Gunigundo wanted to land in newspaper headlines, but the First Couple ended up being hurt. Even the opposition did not agree with his proposal," he said.

Lakas Rep. Rodolfo Albano of Isabela called on Gunigundo to resign from Lakas, if he thought the party was taking too much heat because of Lacson's allegations. "Why doesn't he just resign from Lakas?" Albano asked. "The party is willing to fight."

This kind of criticism, however, is largely beside the point. It looks at Gunigundo's politically motivated suggestion from a political point of view. But the problem with Gunigundo's argument is precisely that it is too political.

The laws of the land all recognize that every person inhabits a zone of privacy that the public realm cannot encroach on or impose upon. Indeed, the Bill of Rights is best understood as a series of limitations on, even a liberation from, the power of the state. The great religions also recognize this great dividing line; what the major faiths believe may be fairly represented by the importance they all place on the primacy of conscience.

Marriage is eminently a private matter. It is also a difficult enough responsibility, without politicians with an eye on publicity weighing in on it. Whom to marry, how to separate, whether to sleep in the same room or in separate houses—all these are by definition outside the public realm. The fact that the marriage is lived out in the glass house that is Malacañang does not make it any less entitled to privacy.

There are exceptions, of course. The partners in a marriage may appeal to the state to intervene. But for politicians to speculate on the state of a marriage, or to recommend legal separation for partisan political gain, is clearly beyond the pale.

The disreputable Mr. Lacson

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

OBJECTIVELY and without offense, I believe that in the entire political history of our country there is no person more disreputable than Panfilo Lacson. This is not an outright denunciation or conviction of the man. "Disreputable," according to Webster, simply means "discreditable or not respectable."

I exclude from this assessment the tyrant Ferdinand Marcos who was *sui generis* in his wickedness. He defies comparison because of the monstrous crimes he committed in his greed for stolen wealth and power. History has already condemned him to opprobrium as an ugly memory best dismissed and forgotten. That incredible scoundrel has no place in minor contests for the least respected, or the most disreputable, among the lesser figures in Philippine politics.

With Marcos out, Lacson easily emerges as the top contender. Despite the many rascals who have at one time or another darkened our political horizon, none of them comes close enough to challenge Lacson's title as the most suspicious among them.

Fresh from the Philippine Military Academy, Lacson entered public life during martial law as the trusted aide of the notorious Col. Rolando Abadilla, who headed a team that sowed fear and death among the victims of the Marcos misrule. He himself was killed in an ambush some years back, presumably to avenge his abuses. The loyal Lacson was among his followers who were enraged by his murder and vowed revenge.

Despite his murky record as a violator of human rights, Lacson steadily rose in the law-enforcement ranks that he finally commanded as chief of the Philippine National Police. As the top policeman of then President Joseph Estrada, he possessed ruthless power that created a horde of enemies. When Erap was forced to resign as a result of Edsa II, Lacson could himself have been ousted too. Instead, he was adopted by the opposition and elected to the Senate.

The Kuratong Baleleng massacre, of which he was the alleged mastermind, was conveniently mothballed during Estrada's tenure but was resurrected under the new administration. The Supreme Court ruled that the case could be re-filed and the former accused re-indicted. All of them except Lacson moved for reconsideration, which is likely to be denied.

In 2001, Lacson was accused of several serious offenses that three committees of the Senate jointly investigated. Government witnesses led by Victor Corpus and Mary Ong made startling revelations about his drug trafficking, the kidnap-for-ransom of five Chinese nationals on his orders, and his money-laundering deposits abroad. The hearings ended on Sept. 5 of that year but it was only last month that Committee Report No. 237 was submitted to the Senate.

Two weeks ago (coincidentally when the report was scheduled for plenary deliberation), Lacson delivered a privileged speech accusing the husband of President Macapagal-Arroyo of maintaining secret million-dollar bank deposits in the name of Jose Pidal. Mike Arroyo's brother came forward to say he was Jose Pidal and duplicated the depositor's signature. Government handwriting experts declared that Jose Pidal's signature matched Ignacio Arroyo's handwriting, not Mike Arroyo's. Several banks claimed by Lacson to have Jose Pidal deposits have issued denials.

Lacson self-destructed when he also accused Mike Arroyo and his secretary, Victoria Toh, of a romantic affair, a private relationship that certainly cannot be investigated "in aid of legislation." Ramon Tulfo's exposé of various other offenses committed by Lacson, including several grisly killings dramatized on television, have further impaired his already unkempt image.

Lawyers have noted the paucity and inadmissibility of the evidence he has so far offered in support of his accusations. Sen. Robert Z. Barbers, chair of one of the investigating committees, suspects that Lacson is using the Senate as a forum to vent his rage against the Arroyo couple. Sen. Joker P. Arroyo, chair of the lead Blue Ribbon Committee, has rejected Lacson's photostatic evidence and will dismiss the case if they are not replaced by the originals.

In fairness to Lacson, he may have reasonable apprehensions about submitting such originals, considering the ease with which valuable documents are intentionally lost or mislaid in this country. What he might do is require that each of his valuable originals be properly receipted for, preferably by the chairmen of the investigating committees or, better still, Senate President Franklin Drilon. That is, of course, if there are originals.

Our reckless accuser has lost face and much of the little prestige he still has since he launched his unsupported attacks against Mike Arroyo and his wife. It is not only the direct target of Lacson's denunciations who is hurting but also the President of the Philippines. People are saying that if he cannot substantiate his charges, he should keep his mouth shut out of respect for the truth and the chamber he has dishonored.

Lacson is provoking the obloquy of the Filipino people. Guilty or not of the many offenses imputed to him, he has clearly lost the confidence of the electorate he hopes will elevate him to the highest office in the land. That is his impossible dream, but many call it a nightmare.

Crossing over

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

I JUST came from a funeral Mass of a mother who died giving birth to her third child. Corazon Leido Ysip was only 38 years old and she left behind in this world Raymond, her husband and their three children, Krisca, 12, Maxine, 9, and the 3-day-old baby Sofia. In moments like this, there isn't much we can say, really. We just have to believe that there is a reason, there is a mission in everything that happens in our lives, especially during such painful "cross moments."

Through Corazon's self-giving, I realized the deeper meaning of God giving His only Son.

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Today's Gospel (Jn. 3, 13-17) speaks of God who loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Many people react in many ways upon hearing this Good News. Some would be indifferent ("So what?"), others would be incredulous ("Really?"), while still others would be grateful ("Really!").

How do you react to this most important passage in the Bible?

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God himself has shown us the road of sacrifice. That is the road that we, too, must tread. It is foolish for anyone to think or even hope that life will be sacrifice-free. There will always be the cross in our life. There is no complete happiness in this world. Sorry, that's the way it is, but, hey, that's as good as it gets!

Why? Because the cross leads to life—real life and eternal life. If there is no cross in your life, be careful. You may be living a meaningless life, a life that leads to perdition in the end.

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We are all cross bearers, but God forbid that we become cross givers! Life is difficult enough. Let's not make it more difficult for others.

You who make life difficult for others because of your selfishness and greed, listen to our God of love telling us again and again to love one another. I wonder how people who steal and deprive others of what is rightfully theirs feel. Sometimes I wonder if they feel at all.

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This reminds me of the teacher who asked his students the question, "What do you think of God?" After a pause, a little girl raised her hands and said: "He's not a think. He's a feel."

Just as we can never understand with our minds how God can love the world so much that He gave His only Son, so also we can never understand the enigma of the cross in our lives. Life is not all "think." Much of it is "feel."

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While everybody is busy these days making a name or clearing their names, let us be reminded of the difference between reputation and character. A text message I received said: "Reputation is what men and women think of us. Character is that which God and angels know of us."

Amen to that!

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Remember Fatima, the 10-year-old girl who undergoes dialysis daily about whom I wrote in a previous column? We had her on Sunday TV Mass last Sept. 7, and she touched the hearts of so many people. Many were in tears as they listened to this little blind girl who carries such a big cross at a tender age and yet is so full of joy and hope. What she was saying to many of us was: "Hey, look at me, I have this big cross, but I have a big God!"

I admire her courage, and I am ashamed of the lack of faith of many of us adults who shudder at the sight of the cross, and who give up because of the cross, big or small, real or imagined.

You who complain about your endless litany of crosses in life, listen to this girl! (She calls me up on my radio program "Hello Father" at 9 p.m. on ZNN Veritas, 846 AM band every Monday. She will also join the Concert for the Missions on Oct. 1 at the Meralco Theatre).

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This column wishes to pay tribute to the many nameless people who suffer and who carry their cross daily. The world may never know or understand, or even care, but do know you are never nameless to God Who loves you so much that He gave His only Son. Believe, and keep on believing. Hold on to God. The cross you carry now will help you cross over to eternity.

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Jesus carried the cross and stayed on the cross for many hours before He expired. There is no such thing as an instant, disposable cross. Some of us have to carry our crosses for days, for months, for years and even maybe for a lifetime. May we be patient in carrying our crosses till the end. The only assurance is that when we carry our crosses, we are not alone.

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Think about this: You may get away or you may elude entrapment upon cross-examination on legal matters on this earth but there will be the final cross-examination where your crosses in this world will be weighed, and the crosses you have left behind will be inventoried. In that final forum, you can use no other name, and no one else can stand for you.

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Ponder on this beautiful text message: "Every trial is a call to prayer; every burden is a bridge to the Lord; every difficulty is an invitation to bend our knees. Whatever is your cross, it will make you a better person."

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to accept your love for me, even and especially with the crosses I carry. Amen.

A police colonel shows the way

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

LAST Monday, Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, on a 20-hour visit to Manila, turned over to the Philippine government, four OV-10 "Bronco" military aircraft. Another four of the same type of plane are scheduled for delivery in September 2004. While it was encouraging to see assistance coming from an old friend in Asean, the donation also brought out, in a startling manner, how badly we have fared in the past few years as compared to Thailand, a nation which in the past looked up to the Philippines in terms of education and agricultural development.

Remember that many years back, Thailand used to send its students to UP Los Baños to study agriculture. After a while, they were exporting rice while we were importing the cereal quite often from them. Last weekend, Agriculture Secretary Luis P. Lorenzo Jr. announced that Thailand and the Philippines were finalizing plans for addressing soil erosion and other agro-ecological problems confronting the Banaue rice terraces. Thai agronomists will be coming to thresh out details for the restoration project.

In the past, the Philippines was a popular destination for Thai students, many of whom were enrolled in schools in Metro Manila as well as Baguio City. In fact, my in-laws had a few Thai boarders staying with them. One of them had an unusual name "Sopot" and for a while, we were apprehensive that he would be the butt of jokes among his friends and classmates. ("Sopot" is the vernacular for an uncircumcised male organ.) But our fears were unjustified and, in fact, Sopot became a hugely popular figure in school, well-liked and a great friend to all.

At the Philippine Military Academy, two Thai cadets finished at the top of their respective classes. Cadet Thaval N. Sawangpunka graduated No. 1 with the Class of 1960. He was followed by Cadet Domingo H. Calajate who later figured in the failed 1989 coup attempt. The top man of Class 1981 was Cadet Thawip Netniyom. He beat out a Singapore cadet Chung V. Chee, for the Presidential Saber.

In 1960, census figures showed that Thailand had a population of roughly 26 million while the Philippines had 27 million. The exchange rate at that time was P4 to the dollar, while the Thai baht was running at 20 to the greenback. Thirty years later, the peso was 26 to the dollar while the baht was 25 to the dollar. Today, the baht has remained stable at 40 to the dollar while the peso has depreciated to over 55 to a dollar—and still seems headed further south. In terms of population, today there are more than 80 million Filipinos as against 63 million Thais. Last year, Thai per capita GDP was $2,100 while the Philippines was $900. We could go on and on with more statistics, but except for population figures, we would most likely be trailing Thailand in other departments.

In 1994, the Ramon Magsaysay Foundation honored Thai Health Minister Meechai Viravaidya with its award in the Public Service category. Meechai was cited for "mounting a creative public campaign to promote family planning, rural development and a rigorous, honest and compassionate response to the plague of AIDS." This was the fellow who popularized the use of condoms as part of the family planning program. Considering the population figures of both countries, his campaign was obviously a huge success. In this Catholic country of ours, Meechai would have been pilloried instead for educating the people in alternative methods of family planning.

Incidentally, the fellow who could have done something to vigorously address the problem, Secretary Juan Flavier, was taken out of the Department of Health and made to run for the Senate where he now twiddles his thumbs. I recall that in 1992, Flavier came under fire for distributing condoms to newsmen leaving for Thailand to cover a presidential visit. In a privilege speech, Sen. Kit Tatad denounced Flavier's actions as "disgraceful conduct unworthy of a Cabinet member" and called for his resignation or investigation by the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee. Flavier's reply was: "We apologize if the condoms offended Senator Tatad's religious scruples. However, I merely handed out condoms to show that they make terrific covers for camera lenses and other photographic equipment. As you know, our reporters in Bangkok will need all the protection they can get against the monsoon weather."

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It is interesting to note that President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra assumed office at about the same time in 2001. Our President has a doctorate in economics while the Thai Prime Minister has a doctorate in criminal justice. Thaksin graduated from the Police Cadet Academy in 1973 and joined the Royal Thai Police Department where he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. In 1987, he left the force and set up his company, the Shinawatra Computer and Communications Group.

As previously stated, the peso continues to waver while the baht remains stable. Obviously, the former policeman knows what he is doing. Perhaps the lesson to be learned is that we need order, discipline and security before any economic program can take root and eventually bear fruit. In Thailand's recent war against illegal drugs, it was reported that over 1,600 people were killed. Human rights activists claim that many were innocent victims caught in the crossfire. Whatever may be the truth, the latest polls indicate that Thaksin is a shoo-in for reelection in 2005. In our own war against drugs, no one has been killed, a few suspected drug pushers have been apprehended and presented on TV and if anyone is jailed, chances are good that he will be able to escape.

Another view of Mindanao

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

DAVAO—Marco Polo Hotel, which played host to the Senior Officials' Meeting of the BIMP-EAGA conference here, is just settling down with the conference having come to a close.

Perhaps we felt the bustle and the fuss because we were "right where the action is," so to speak. But the conference has had its impact on the rest of the city, too.

During a break in the seminar where I was a speaker, we were all urged to pay a visit to the nearby Central Bank complex where an international trade and travel fair and bazaar was taking place. Taking the opportunity to "contribute" to Davao's economy, I took a taxi to the complex and found it abuzz with both residents and visitors taking a look at the displays on the first and second floors.

Among the best finds: handmade paper products crafted by rural women as part of their income-generating projects. I paid a visit to the booth of my *suki* for handmade paper in Davao—Katakus, which assists women farmers in Katipunan, Panabo City in Davao del Norte design and create paper products crafted out of banana, abaca and cogon fibers. Not only does Katakus market the usual handmade paper products like cards, stationery, bags, notebooks and albums, it also offers a line of household items fashioned from handmade paper and bamboo, like lamps, picture frames and desk accessories. Other booths offering handmade paper products from the hands of rural women were those of Salay Handmade Paper Industries Inc. or SHAPII, based in Cagayan de Oro; and Tadeco Livelihood and Training Center, whose products are made by the wives and children of workers of the Tagum Agricultural Development Co. of the Floirendo family.

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OTHER noteworthy products at the bazaar were semi-precious jewelry that ranged from fairly common and commercial items to exquisite handmade creations using imported glass and crystal beads. Various provinces in Mindanao and even the Visayas were offering their handicraft and foodstuffs, from candies and snack items to dried fish and longanisa. There were also furniture, shoes, bags and accessories, home decor, and of course skads of batik as well as native weaves like *t'nalak*, *yakan* weaves and *banig* from Sulu.

The exhibits and bazaar were a dynamic showcase of Mindanao's natural wealth and its people's energy and creativity. Too bad that whenever Mindanao lands in the headlines, it's usually about violence and bloodshed, and rarely about its achievements.

The first time I heard about the BIMP-EAGA conference, for instance, was when I espied the welcome streamers in the airport. And during my stay, the major story from Davao was about the protests over the killing of radio journalist Jun Pala.

Of course, such a story deserves more than just passing attention. But perhaps my friends from Davao and the rest of Mindanao, for that matter, can be forgiven if they wonder why Manila seems keen on focusing only on the bad news from this part of the country.

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I WENT to Davao to speak on "Communicating our Reproductive Rights Advocacy" before members of the National Advocacy Network for Muslim Women's Rights. Organized by the Pilipina Legal Resources Center (PLRC), with support from the Ford Foundation, the Network seeks "to address the various needs of Muslim women, especially those from the grass roots."

PLRC executive director Isabelita "Bing" Solamo Antonio explained that the workshop was supposed to help formulate core messages and communication strategies to convey to a wider public, especially in local communities, "what we already believe in—that women's health and rights is about our lives as women—and about our human rights."

And indeed, judging from our exchanges, it became clear that while Muslim Filipino women face unique challenges because of culture and religion, in essence they face much the same problems in asserting and exercising their reproductive rights as their sisters elsewhere in the country.

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ONE participant from Basilan told the story of a woman who knew another pregnancy would threaten her health since she was suffering from diabetes, hypertension and other complications. Unable, for some reason, to use contraception, she dreaded having sex with her husband for fear of pregnancy but said she really had no choice. "The choice became for her either to preserve her marriage or risk her life," said the participant. Her friend eventually became pregnant and died during childbirth.

This story, and variations of it, is all too familiar, and the very familiarity makes me heartsick. In a compassionate and just world, women don't have to choose between preserving their marriages and families as against protecting their health and lives. And if husbands truly loved their wives, they would take greater responsibility for planning their families and promoting the health of their women.

Dr. Carmen Abubakar, dean of the UP Institute of Islamic Studies, who was also a speaker at the seminar, brought up the possibility of the imams incorporating messages on reproductive health and rights, as well as the sharing of responsibilities between spouses, in the customary "sermon" during a wedding ceremony. "The imams usually focus on how the wife should obey the husband. What about messages on the husband's responsibility to his wife?" Abubakar commented.

We could ask the same question of our own Catholic priests and hierarchy. For while we hear so much from them about the "evils" of contraception, we don't hear enough about the other evils like domestic violence, child abuse and irresponsible, clueless parenting.

Global trade and poverty

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

JOSEPH Stiglitz, the 2001 Nobel laureate for economic science, puts it bluntly: The United States and Europe subsidize their cows at $2 per day, more than what a human being in many parts of the world earn in a day.

I have come across more disturbing figures. An article by Hamish McRae for a South African financial newspaper reports that "the European Union subsidy for each of its cows—$913—is greater than the average income per head of a sub-Saharan African—$490. The Japanese subsidy is $2,700 per cow." To support its 25,000 cotton farmers, the US government, says Stiglitz, spends $4 billion a year in subsidies, which is greater than the value of the cotton itself.

In a capitalist world, these facts do not make sense. If the farmers of the developed countries spend so much more to produce beef, dairy products, and cotton, they should leave the production of these goods to the less-developed countries, whose economies are still highly dependent on agriculture. In a truly free market, the farmers of the United States, Europe and Japan should have long been put out of business. Their citizens should have moved to economic activities in which they can be more productive. This is not happening.

For a variety of reasons, governments in the developed world continue to support the costly operations of their farmers through huge price-distorting subsidies and tariff walls against cheaper imports. The agricultural lobby in the developed countries is a powerful one, drawing its energy from a reservoir of political clout, cultural appeal and chauvinism. In the eyes of the affected communities, what they are defending is an entire way of life, a whole tradition from which the society draws its symbols—and not just jobs.

One wishes that less-developed countries, like the Philippines, were even half as predisposed to protect their own farmers, instead of allowing them to drown in the floodwaters of globalization. In permitting the entry of cheap onions, garlic, and chicken meat into the country, we work under the illusion that our farmers would be forced to be more efficient in order to be able to compete. In fact, few manage to survive. After they are driven out of business, they are prompted to sell their lands and try their luck abroad as unskilled contractual workers. All over the country, farming is dying as a way of life; many farms are untilled, awaiting conversion to non-agricultural uses.

Unlike the farming communities of Europe and America, our own small farmers are not sufficiently organized to mount a strong lobby to defend their interests. There is no agricultural vote in our country. Moreover, our people are conditioned to think that capitalist globalization is inescapable, and that all we can do is accept its terms and find our niche in a fast evolving world economy. While globalization may be inevitable, the forms it takes are not. The fight of the antiglobalists is not against globalization as such, but against globalization directed by the multinationals.

The justification for a World Trade Organization rests on the proposition that opening doors to international trade should produce development for everyone provided certain rules were observed and enforced. Since the WTO founding in 1995, however, the results for poor countries have been the opposite. They could not effectively gain access to developed markets because of non-tariff barriers. They lacked the resources to modernize and support their agriculture fast enough to compete in the world market. Even as Europe and America were increasing their subsidies to their farmers, less-developed countries could not deliver even the promised safety nets to those who were adversely affected by trade liberalization. They lowered their tariff to permit cheaper imports to come in, but suffered a double squeeze in the process. Local producers went out of business and government revenues went down.

The so-called Doha round of trade talks in November 2001 was meant to redress such imbalances in world trade. The working agenda on which the negotiations were to be conducted contained a slew of items, with liberalization in agriculture topping the list. The conference of trade ministers that closes today in Cancun, Mexico is meant to facilitate these negotiations. The basic idea is to arrive at a broad consensus on the framework for the negotiations in accordance with the commitments made at Doha.

A new element in these negotiations is China's entry as a player. That country has joined India and Brazil, and 20 other less-developed countries, including the Philippines, to form a bloc to push for a common set of demands. Foremost of these are substantial cuts in farm subsidies and removal of export subsidies for agricultural producers in rich countries, and greater access by poor countries into the markets of developed countries.

The rich countries, however, are not going to offer any concessions in any of these areas without exacting their pound of flesh. They want stricter enforcement of their patents and intellectual property rights, further liberalization of investments, and elimination of barriers to capital flows, including speculative capital. Stiglitz suspects that the commitment to redress trade imbalances made at Doha was nothing more than an attempt to get the poor countries to sit down and negotiate these items in exchange for a few concessions.

The possibility that the Cancun round may yield an agreement is remote. But, as Stiglitz says, no agreement might be better than having a bad one.

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Aborted ego trip in the Senate

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

FOR once, the tables were turned on the senators right in their own backyard.

Last Monday's Senate blue ribbon committee hearing on the Jose Pidal accounts showed that the senators are not as powerful as they usually project themselves to the public when they conduct investigations. Their grilling of businessman Ignacio Arroyo Jr. bogged down when he refused to answer questions that, in his opinion, violated his right to privacy.

Senators Edgardo Angara and Luisa Estrada looked pathetic when lawyer Fe Macalino of Union Bank lectured to them on the law on confidentiality of bank deposits. Angara's supposedly legal expertise was no match to Macalino's brilliant discussion of banking laws. He looked like a law student who was caught unprepared by his professor.

With the bank representatives invoking the bank secrecy laws that the senators themselves recently approved, some important questions about the Jose Pidal accounts were left unanswered. The senators may be forced to go to court to compel the banks to submit the records of the questioned bank deposits.

In the face of these obstacles, the senators had no choice but suspend the hearings. They will discuss in executive session the effect of Ignacio's "right to privacy" plea on their investigation. If they reject it, he may be ordered to testify under pain of imprisonment. Otherwise, the Senate may have to content itself with referring the money laundering accusations of Sen. Panfilo Lacson to the Office of the Ombudsman or the Department of Justice. .

Limitations

Prior to the 1987 Constitution, the legislature had a free hand in the conduct of investigations on matters that its members thought were essential in the performance of their work. Unfortunately, the privilege was abused. Many of the people invited to congressional hearings complained of being harassed, insulted or threatened by overbearing lawmakers.

Thus, while the present Constitution recognizes the authority of Congress to conduct investigations, it imposes three conditions for its exercise, namely: they should be in aid of legislation, they must comply with duly published rules of procedure, and the rights of the persons appearing in or affected by such inquiries shall be respected.

If any of these conditions are not met, the affected party can refuse to cooperate or participate in the proceedings. The erstwhile unlimited authority of congressmen and senators to look into any matter that they think is a proper subject of legislative action has been reined in.

The first test of these restrictions came in 1988 when a group of businessmen were ordered by the Senate blue ribbon committee to appear before it to answer charges by then Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile that they illegally took over a private company. Several months before the accusation was made, a case for violation of the anti-graft law was filed against those businessmen before the Sandiganbayan over the same subject matter.

During the committee investigation, the businessmen refused to answer any question about the circumstances behind the acquisition of the company in question. They invoked their right against self-incrimination, or the right not to be compelled to say or do things that can be used against them in any criminal proceeding.

Restraint

They ran to the Supreme Court to stop the committee from forcing them to testify. The tribunal upheld their position and ruled that "a congressional committee's right to inquire is subject to all relevant limitations placed by the Constitution on governmental action, including the relevant limitations of the Bill of Rights." The justices further declared that the right against self-incrimination, which is also described as the right to remain silent, may be availed of by the accused in a criminal case and by other witnesses as the questions are posed to them.

With this landmark decision, the senators and congressmen would have learned their lesson and become more considerate in the treatment of the people (or resource persons, as they call them) they invite to their investigations. Right? Wrong! The ruling hardly caused any change in the behavior of the lawmakers in the conduct of their legislative inquiries. In fact, they became worse.

This writer has, on several occasions, seen how resource persons of congressional investigations have been insulted, shouted at, rudely interrupted while talking, abruptly cut short or verbally assaulted. Woe to any witness who dares answer back or demand that he be treated with respect. He will be scolded for discourtesy and threatened with all kinds of sanctions.

Congressional inquiries have become platforms where lawmakers flaunt their "superiority" over lesser mortals. Within their chambers, they think and act like kings and queens whose orders must be obeyed without question.

Ego trip

This is the same feeling of self-importance (or ego trip) that fueled the demand by some opposition senators that the banks bare their records on the Jose Pidal accounts against the wishes of the depositor and in violation of bank secrecy laws.

How dare the banks use against them the law on confidentiality of bank deposits that they recently approved? Since these senators participated in the enactment, shouldn't their interpretation of its provisions prevail over that of others?

Wow! The sense of power must have really gone to the heads of these senators. Not only do they want to enact laws, they also want to interpret them. Unless the Constitution was secretly amended when nobody was looking, that power is lodged exclusively with the judiciary.

In these senators' book, the fact that the law does not give senators access to bank records should not prevent them from doing so for any reason they may fancy. They are a class unto themselves who are above the law that they themselves enacted. Ugh!

If only to give them a lesson, the senators deserved the comeuppance they got from the banks. That put them in their right place. The embarrassment must have hurt one senator so much that he called for the imprisonment of the bank representatives until they agree to break the seal of secrecy of bank deposits.

But it's doubtful if that threat will gain support from his colleagues. The bank owners have deep pockets. Knowing the character of our senators, they wouldn't dare incur the ire of potential campaign contributors. More so, with the 2004 elections fast approaching.

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Are you tired of exposés?

THE Jose Pidal exposé has practically all the elements of a telenovela, keeping many enthralled for almost a month now.

There's betrayal. A dismissed employee goes to an opposition senator to spill the beans on his former employer, who happens to be the husband of the President. The dismissed employee talks of the millions of pesos in campaign contributions the First Gentleman keeps in secret bank accounts under an assumed name, Jose Pidal.

There's an illicit love affair. The star witness of the opposition senator claims that the First Gentleman is having an affair with his personal accountant, while the President is busy with the affairs of the State.

There's recantation. The star witness denies most of his accusations against the First Gentleman after he was "rescued" from the opposition senator's men.

There's someone claiming that he is the owner of the Jose Pidal accounts, not his older brother, the First Gentleman. But he clams up before senators when asked about the accounts.

There are calls for the President to leave her husband. The First Gentleman's response: "I cannot imagine a life without my wife beside me. She is my life and my heart."

As the drama unfolds, some people claim they have had enough, with a bishop decrying the "endless talk from foolish politicians."

How will the drama end? One way is to continue with the Senate probe. Ending it prematurely will lead to accusations of a cover-up.

'It's too much'

Tama na. Sobra na. Itigil na (Enough already. It's too much. Stop it) It is all sound and fury that will result in more hate and venom on the part of the protagonists. It's also a waste of taxpayers' money. It is time our senators do what they are supposed to do—make laws for the benefit of our suffering people. ***Leonardo Aspacio****, government employee, San Fernando City*

It's really very distressing for me. That's why I now seldom watch the newscast on TV or read the newspapers because the media keep on playing it up as if there are no good things happening in the country. ***Arnold Motilan****, businessman, Mati, Davao Oriental*

What a waste of time! If legislators think they are gaining *pogi* points by conducting what appears to be an inquisition, they are mistaken. Let the courts handle the case because we already have the Anti-Money Laundering Law. We, the small people, are getting angry. We are not interested whether Iggy Arroyo is the real Jose Pidal or Victoria Toh is the girlfriend of the First Gentleman. We want jobs so we can feed our children and send them to school. ***Armando Estoesta****, unemployed college graduate, Agoo, La Union*

It's not only the exposés on corruption in government that make me upset. I'm more fed up with the investigations being conducted, like what is shown on TV regarding Senate inquiries. They're always probing but nothing happens. ***Jess Araña****, tricycle driver, Legazpi City*

'We deserve the truth'

We should not get tired of hearing these exposés. We need these to test the government's transparency. If people in government are hiding something, how can we learn about these things if these are not exposed? ***Randy Soriano****, liaison officer, provincial engineering office of Bulacan*

Until the truth is uncovered, senators should continue investigating the corruption charges hurled at First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo. The people deserve to know the truth. The Senate must put a logical end to what it started. ***Alejandro Cristobal****, employee, National Tobacco Administration, Batac, Ilocos Norte*

I'm not fed up with these exposés because I want to know the truth. I know the charges are true. The investigation must proceed by all means. ***Delfin Macalalad****, member, Bataan Economic Zone Police Force, Mariveles, Bataan*

No, I am not. It's the only way of knowing where our country is going. If we lose track of what's happening in the country, how can we take a stand when the situation calls for it? ***Dick Palacio****, senior citizen, Cagayan de Oro*

'Tax money is wasted'

I am disappointed and quite angry with how our tax money is being wasted on (Sen. Panfilo) Lacson's so-called corruption exposé. The Jose Pidal issue is a matter for the courts to attend to. The Senate inquiry is in aid of exhibition, not legislation. ***Rodolfo Alvarez****, businessman, Bacolod*

I'm 101 percent fed up! It's becoming annoying. Senators must concentrate on their job on how to improve our life and not on that corruption thing! *Masakit na sa tenga ang* Senate hearing. Nothing happens!***Ernesto Borbe****, Borbe's Electronic Shop owner, Legazpi City*

I've had enough of these exposés. Filipino politicians are all dirty, anyway. They just go around in circles. There are so many problems in this country. Why don't they just solve these? ***Renato Cruz****, cigarette vendor, Aurora Hill, Baguio*

We are fed up with these exposés because our leaders always focus on them. The exposés have a negative impact on our businesses. I find it difficult to support my children now and I'm looking for other sources of income. ***Leonida de Jesus****, knitting business operator, Dominican Hill, Baguio*

Yes. *Nakakasawa na ito.* They are just diverting the attention of many from the ills of our government. ***Bubbles Gurat****, government employee, Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya*

'Corruption has not abated'

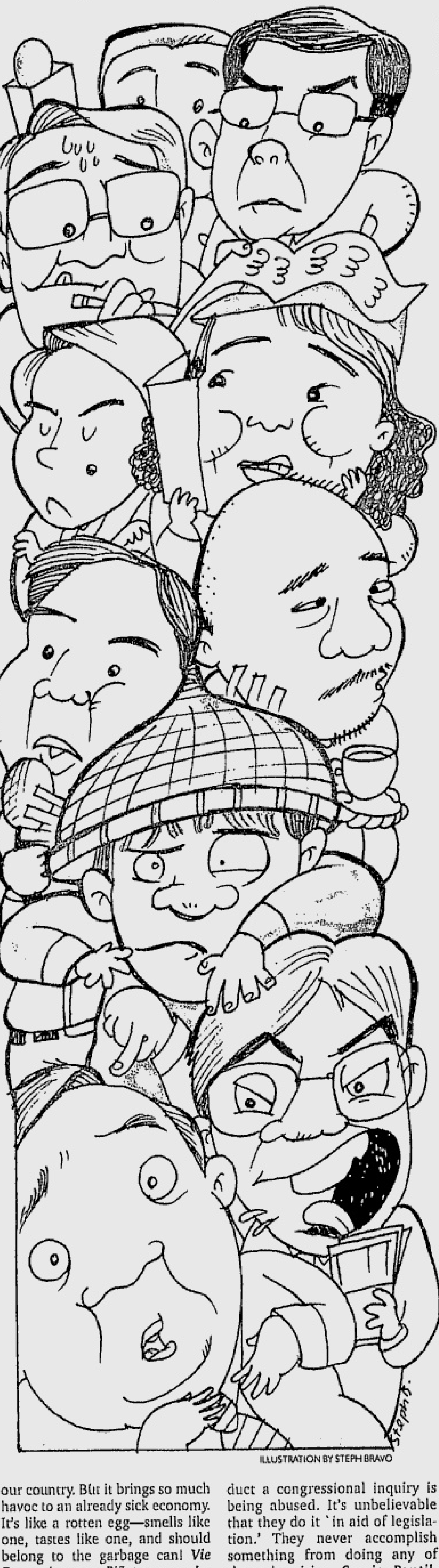
No. Corruption in government has not abated even with the coming of the Bagong Lipunan, People Power, Philippines 2000, Angat Pinoy and Strong Republic. The accusations and counter-accusations will surely affect the economy but these are part of a painful process of change. ***Frank Mangulabnan****, chair, Bagong Alyansang Makabayan-Pampanga*

I'm not tired of the investigations but I'm tired of the Arroyos because they are fooling the Filipino people.***Eduardo Jalbuna****, lawyer, Sta. Barbara town, Iloilo*

Exposés about corruption serve as warnings to government officials. Exposés are good but they turn ugly when the guilty parties do irritating things to try to show they are innocent. ***Neil Marucut****, driver and college dropout, Mabalacat, Pampanga*

I'm not fed up with the exposés because these involve corruption. Corruption weakens our nation. We need vigilance. ***Ted Peñaflor****, Subic Bay Freeport Zone, Olongapo*

Why should I get fed up when we are awaiting the outcome of the investigation? The truth should come out whoever gets hurt. Do we promote a double standard of justice in this country? ***Amalia Jison****, market vendor, Balanga, Bataan*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'I'm sick of exposés'

Yes. I'm sick and tired of news about allegations of corruption. Those kinds of stories can even be worse than the actual and real deeds of corruption. ***Fr. Nonie Dolor****, Lipa City*

What is the possible outcome of this? That the senators would design laws? When? Since Day One, we haven't seen anything moving forward. Why don't they just submit it to the judicial process, so we'll see who's telling the truth. ***Ted O. Madamba****, vice president for external affairs, Southwestern University, Cebu*

Corruption is nothing new in our country. But it brings so much havoc to an already sick economy. It's like a rotten egg—smells like one, tastes like one, and should belong to the garbage can! ***Vie Reyes****, Arrengga Piñata owner, Indang, Cavite*

Yes. It adds to the baggage of hopelessness that we carry as a nation. There's a need, however, to put everything in the right perspective. We must look into the validity of these exposés. ***Jerryll Reyes****, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro*

They don't really get to the bottom of things. They're just muddling the issues. They should focus on their job as legislators. The prerogative to conduct a congressional inquiry is being abused. It's unbelievable that they do it 'in aid of legislation.' They never accomplish something from doing any of those inquiries. ***Sergio Pontillas****, writer, Puerto Princesa, Palawan*

The issue is not about being tired of or fed up with corruption exposés. The question is, "does our government respond properly to these issues?" Revelations are not sustained because the First Family is afraid of exposés and Lacson doesn't provide meaty evidence. ***Kenneth Lu****, Computer Engineering student, Zamboanga City*

Yes because all these exposés are just allegations. Politicians are destroying each other because of personal motives. ***Hazel Pascua****, law firm clerk, Candon, Ilocos Sur*

'Where there's smoke, there's fire'

I'm not fed up with corruption exposés. They say that where there's smoke, there's fire. There won't be exposés involving Jose Pidal or (former President Joseph) Estrada if there are no evidence or witnesses to prove such allegations. Filipinos have the right to know the truth. ***Mary Jane dela Cruz****, nurse, QM Subdivision, Baguio*

Definitely all this (charges) will result in a certain degree of hopelessness, cynicism and worse, apathy. This would be bad for the country. Corruption is a legitimate issue, but we don't know which is the truth. ***Roberto Manzano****, public relations executive, Davao City*

No, I'm used to it already because it seems that it has become part of the Filipino's daily life. I guess what we can do is pray for these leaders so they will be enlightened. ***Ojette Chavez****, self-employed, La Trinidad, Benguet*

I'm not fed up. I want to know who are robbing the country. ***Rosita Abanil****, housewife, Padre Burgos, Baguio*

'Inquiries are going nowhere'

It seems these exposés are going nowhere. They are like *zarzuela*; there's a lot of mudslinging. ***Nicasio Cruz****, Bureau of Internal Revenue employee, Malolos, Bulacan*

It is eight months before the next elections so these politicians are attacking one another. But I think Filipinos now are wiser and cannot be fooled. People know the motives of these politicians—they want to look good and worthy of our votes while they ruin one another's reputation. ***Alfredo Pio****, businessman, Bulacan, Bulacan*

Senators should move on. There are important things to do other than waste precious time listening to gossip peddled by Senator Lacson. The investigation of Lacson's corruption charges is going nowhere. ***Angel Duque****, seasonal laborer, Paoay, Ilocos Norte*

Nothing concrete has come out of the Senate investigations. And this latest Jose Pidal investigation will suffer the same fate. All for show. To me, Senator Lacson has yet to give concrete evidence that (First Gentleman Mike) Arroyo committed the acts he is accused of committing. This should be stopped. ***Gemma Codera****, beauty salon assistant manager, Ormoc, Leyte*

It's painful but we must admit that the officials we voted in office are like stubborn children. It's embarrassing because while our country's economic growth remains sluggish, our officials are fighting each other to preserve their positions. ***Ed Martinez****, San Narciso, Zambales*

The senators look funny because they cannot get substantial answers from their resource persons. If Senator Lacson has concrete evidence, he should file a case in court. I'm wondering why Lacson is not doing it. This leads me to believe that this is plain and simple politics because Lacson has declared his bid to run for president next year. ***Joey Carandang****, former barangay captain of Maligaya, Mariveles, Bataan*

'The charges are politically motivated'

The Senate hearings are a waste of time and money. The charges are politically motivated. ***Atty. Joseph Castillo****, Ateneo de Davao University*

Yes. These exposés are being exploited by grandstanding politicians. By involving themselves in these exposés, many of our politicians have wasted their time and neglected to formulate laws needed to improve the lives of Filipinos. ***Freddie Finuliar****, mountaineer, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya*

I'm fed up with people like Ping Lacson. He thinks he can make people believe his lies. ***Marivic Sala****, college student, Mati, Davao Oriental*

I'm fed up with all the politicians. They should be replaced and the only way we can do it is by educating the voters. What politicians are doing is only for media exposure. The late President Manuel Quezon's wish for a nation run like hell by Filipinos rather than run like heaven by Americans has come true. ***Emmanuel Joseph Innis****, teacher, Cagayan de Oro*

I'm already fed up. Everything is politics. Politicians just want to pursue their agenda. Nothing is happening with these exposés. All we see are Senate and House inquiries. Nobody's being jailed. ***Hazel Aguas****, sales representative, Angeles City*

'Filipinos are gossip mongers'

I am not fed up. Exposés allow us to become aware of the things happening in the government. By nature, Filipinos are "tsismosos." ***Ariel Carlos****, station manager, 99.9 The Rhythm FM, Puerto Princesa, Palawan*

Through the investigations, people learn how corruption has become extensive in our government, including the Palace itself, the seat of power in the country. But then, these investigations are sometimes abused—we can no longer tell who is telling the truth or what the truth is. ***Lemuel Paglinawan****, student, Mayorga town, Leyte*

The government should properly do its work. Instead of finding ways to improve our lives, President Macapagal-Arroyo is campaigning. On corruption exposés, I'm already sick and tired of them. We are not getting decent jobs. ***Marinela Agustin****, accounting graduate, Zamboanga City*

We want (Capt. Milo) Maestrecampo and (Lt. Antonio) Trillanes (IV) to continue their fight. Corruption is nothing new to us. It's clear that there's thievery in government. The President is just turning a blind eye to it. ***Commander Yusup Abubakar****, General Staff Command of Bangsa Moro Islamic Armed Forces*

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Broadcaster Jun Pala signs off

By Dennis Jay C. Santos
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WHO was Juan "Jun" Pala Jr.? Why was he revered by his supporters but earned enemies at the same time?

For radio broadcaster Baby Castillo, the murder of her long time co-anchor and friend was an attack on press freedom that must be condemned in the strongest terms possible.

But not everyone believes Pala was a "paragon of true journalism."

Ariel Casilao, secretary general of the human rights group Karapatan in Southern Mindanao, said they condemned the killing and even shared the belief that it was an attack on press freedom.

"We are saddened by his death and we recognize him as an icon of press freedom," Casilao said, adding that Pala was correct in criticizing the government for corrupt practices.

But Pala, he said, went "overboard" when lately, it became apparent that he was using the media to further his political career.

CAGAYAN de Oro media call for the protection of journalists. GRACE CANTAL-ALBASIN

"Although we [in Karapatan] agreed with him [Pala] in being critical of government, he has vested political interests," Casilao said.

He stressed that he saw nothing wrong with Pala entering politics, but it was quite another matter when a media man would use his profession for attacking an adversary for political gain. "Even when he was in the government [as Davao City councilor], he still used the media in attacking his enemies, which we perceive as wrong," he said.

Casilao said, Pala had a significant role in bringing down the New People's Army (NPA) in the mid-1980s when he commanded a big number of followers, alongside the military-backed vigilante group Alsa Masa.

Carlos Conde, Davao coordinator of the National Union of Journalist in the Philippines (NUJP), said Pala might have used the radio for his personal interest.

"While it is true that there are still questions surrounding Pala and the nature of his death [he was also a politician who incurred the ire of his opponents], there is no denying one simple fact: Somebody wanted him silenced," Conde said.

But others believe politics forced Pala to sign off.

Raul Antipuesto, station manager of Manila Broadcasting Corp.'s Aksyon Radio dxGO where Pala had a daily morning program, said Pala was "consistent in attacking the negative things in the administration."

"But I don't believe he gained enemies out of personal grudge with anybody other than his nemesis in the politics or government men which he had been critical of."

Antipuesto said Pala confided in him a

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Groups seek justice for 49 slain journalists

By the PDI Mindanao Bureau

AT LEAST 300 journalists took to the streets this week in the cities of Davao and Cagayan de Oro and denounced the spate of violence committed against the media.

They also mourned the alleged death of press freedom by wearing black shirts while sporting red armbands as a show of defiance to "efforts to silence the press."

On Wednesday evening, the National Union of Journalists in the Philippines (NUJP) also led a prayer vigil in Malate Church for 49 journalists slain since 1986.

The protests were prompted by the death of Davao broadcaster Juan Porras Pala Jr.

The Davao City journalists, representing the 21 AM and FM radio stations, television networks and community papers, were joined by cause oriented groups, children and human rights advocates, campus writers and supporters of the slain broadcaster.

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8. How can your project be replicated in areas with similar conditions?

Concept notes must comply with all requirements for eligibility and format; non-compliant entries will be automatically rejected. A multi-sectoral technical working group will evaluate eligible concept papers.

Deadline of submission: 20 October 2003

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Environmentalists losing fight over coal-fed power plant

By Chic Fortich
Cagayan de Oro City

ENVIRONMENTALIST groups in Misamis Oriental and Cagayan de Oro City may be losing the battle against the setting up of a coal burning plant in San Martin, within the Philippine Veterans Investment Development Corp. (Phividec) Industrial Authority's area in Villanueva, Misamis Oriental.

The site is just two towns away east of Cagayan de Oro.

Shortly after it was announced by Phividec, the project caused a furor among those concerned about the environment. The Task Force Macajalar, a local coalition, mounted rallies to oppose the plan.

In 1995, Steag, a German company that merged with State Power Development Corp. (SPDC) sought government approval of the coal plant. The go-signal was given during the term of then President Fidel V. Ramos.

But Myra Balandra, regional director of the National Economic and Development Authority, said that when the company first applied for approval with the Regional Development Council (RDC), the study it submitted did not even show the feasibility of the project.

The company was also then having difficulty finding a bank that would finance the project's huge capital requirements of over $400 million.

Last year, it completed the feasibility study and found the lending bank. In July 2002, it submitted another application to the RDC.

Balandra, who is the RDC vice chair, said that as she scrutinized all the documents, the company's representatives had even branded her an "obstructionist."

The council required the proponents to secure an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and undertake a study on how the people of Villanueva would accept the project. Dr. Imelda Pagtolun-an, dean of the Xavier University's College of Arts and Sciences, conducted the study and attended all of the public debates held later.

Silent critics

"I would notice those people (environmentalists) in the gatherings," Pagtolun-an recalled, "but they never joined the discussion."

Many concerned residents are wondering what will happen to the *pigok* (trout) and the *hipon* (fish fry of several dark-skinned fish) in the Tagoloan River, which runs beside Villanueva, or the many fish species in the Macajalar Bay. They are haunted by nightmares of fish kills as a result of operations of another coal burning plant in Calaca, Batangas.

Task Force Macajalar spokesperson BenCyrus Ellorin said his group was "lobbying with the banks now. The banks are currently conducting their own environmental check."

Still, it is generally known that many highly industrialized countries, like Germany, the United States, Japan and Australia, use coal plants for power generation. And since the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) is being considered to fund the project, it was held unlikely that it would disapprove a loan for the setting up of a similar facility in Villanueva, provided that environmental safeguards are implemented.

The last time Phividec was called to a public hearing, the Steag and SPDC officials were meeting to talk about the start of work on the plant in early September.

Modern technology

Phividec administrator Gabriel Evangelista said the plant would use state-of-the-art technology and would be different from the Calaca plant.

It will ensure that all pollutants resulting from coal-burning are processed into stable and safe substances, and that only clean air would come out from the smokestacks, Evangelista said.

He said its technology would make only clean air blow from the coal burning plant in Villanueva.

"It was in the 60s when people first became more aware of the environment," said Evangelista. "Then, the US, the countries in Europe, Australia and Japan immediately set up safeguards. Although we became aware also at the time, we were slower in our implementation. Our plants were dirty. Rockwell, Calaca— all those belong to that time. But now, our technology is different. And our plants are cleaner."

Coal burning produces three kinds of pollutants. One group, the particulates, which are dust and other silica substances, are trapped by a bag filter and treated with an electrostatic precipitator to make them wet. They are then stored in an ash pond within the plant's compound.

The sulfur oxides emit a noxious odor and, when wet by rain, becomes acid. Sulfur is dealt with calcium found in limestone that is abundant in the area. The resulting calcium sulfate is a stable and safe substance which is used as fertilizer and soil conditioner.

The third pollutant is nitrogen oxide, which can also be converted into fertilizers.

With all of these pollutants removed from the smoke, there will indeed be only clean air left to blow from the smokestacks, Evangelista said.

The environment will not be harmed, he said. The *pigok* and *hipon* will continue to proliferate in the Tagoloan River, and so will other fish in Macajalar Bay, he added.

Socially acceptable

How are the local residents taking all these?

"They had been told about everything, even the possible pollution. They were convinced the project would be good for them and their town. So, the social acceptance rating that came out was an overwhelming 82 percent in favor of the plant," Pagtolun-an said.

Besides, she added, she had had her own personal experiences in the US, where coal burning plants are widely used without harming the environment.

It will take three or four years to complete work on the plant and to make sure that the safeguards are implemented.

If all these claims are true, should environmentalists stop worrying?

CHIC Fortich, a Palanca prize-winning writer, devotes her time to helping promote a culture of peace in Mindanao through creative means. A multihandicapped author, she has written several books.

Broadcaster Jun Pala signs off

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plan to run for the city council days before his death. Pala served two consecutive terms as city councilor but lost when he joined the vice mayoral race.

"I think it's [assassination] politically motivated and it was public knowledge that he was a known critic of one person," Casilao said, without giving names.

Enemies

Castillo begged off from commenting on the popular notion that Mayor Rodrigo Duterte was behind the murder.

In Pala's program, which he shared with Castillo, he would begin by way of verbal tirades against the mayor.

Castillo maintained that she did not take sides when it came to Pala's attacks on Duterte. "We argued on the air and I sometimes had to resort to 'neutralizing' him [Pala] when he was attacking the mayor," she said.

There were even times, Castillo said, when Pala would accuse her of receiving *payola* from the mayor. These arguments would end up with both broadcasters laughing, and Pala listening to Castillo's advice to be fair.

The road from being friends to the worst of enemies was short for both Duterte and Pala.

Castillo said Duterte was scouting for party mates who would run for city councilor. She said Duterte invited her, but she turned it down and instead recommended Pala.

She said Pala was convinced and had thrown himself into the political world, all because of Duterte's prodding.

But later, Pala became Duterte's worst critic. The mayor, in turn, did not miss the chance of hurling expletives as a response.

Castillo said the rift started with a report that Duterte's son, Paulo, allegedly mauled a security guard in an establishment in Davao City.

Pala, then still a good friend of the mayor, made a commentary on the issue, giving Paulo a "fatherly advice" not to taint his father's name.

Castillo said some people close to the mayor relayed a different information, which was "misinterpreted" by Duterte. "Somebody [gave] him [Duterte] wrong information," she said.

What could have been a small matter escalated into a personal conflict that had sent then congressman and now Presidential Assistant for Mindanao Jesus Dureza and Rep. Nonoy Garcia interceding. The two officials failed.

Castillo said the management of Radyo Ukay of the University of Mindanao Broadcasting Network, where they worked as anchorpersons, had Pala removed from work, reportedly upon the request of Duterte.

Louise, Pala's wife, acknowledged the deep animosity between her husband and the mayor. But Duterte refused to comment on Saturday's killing.

Louise told lawmen not to conduct an autopsy of her husband's body, saying she no longer believed justice could be achieved.

Groups seek . . .

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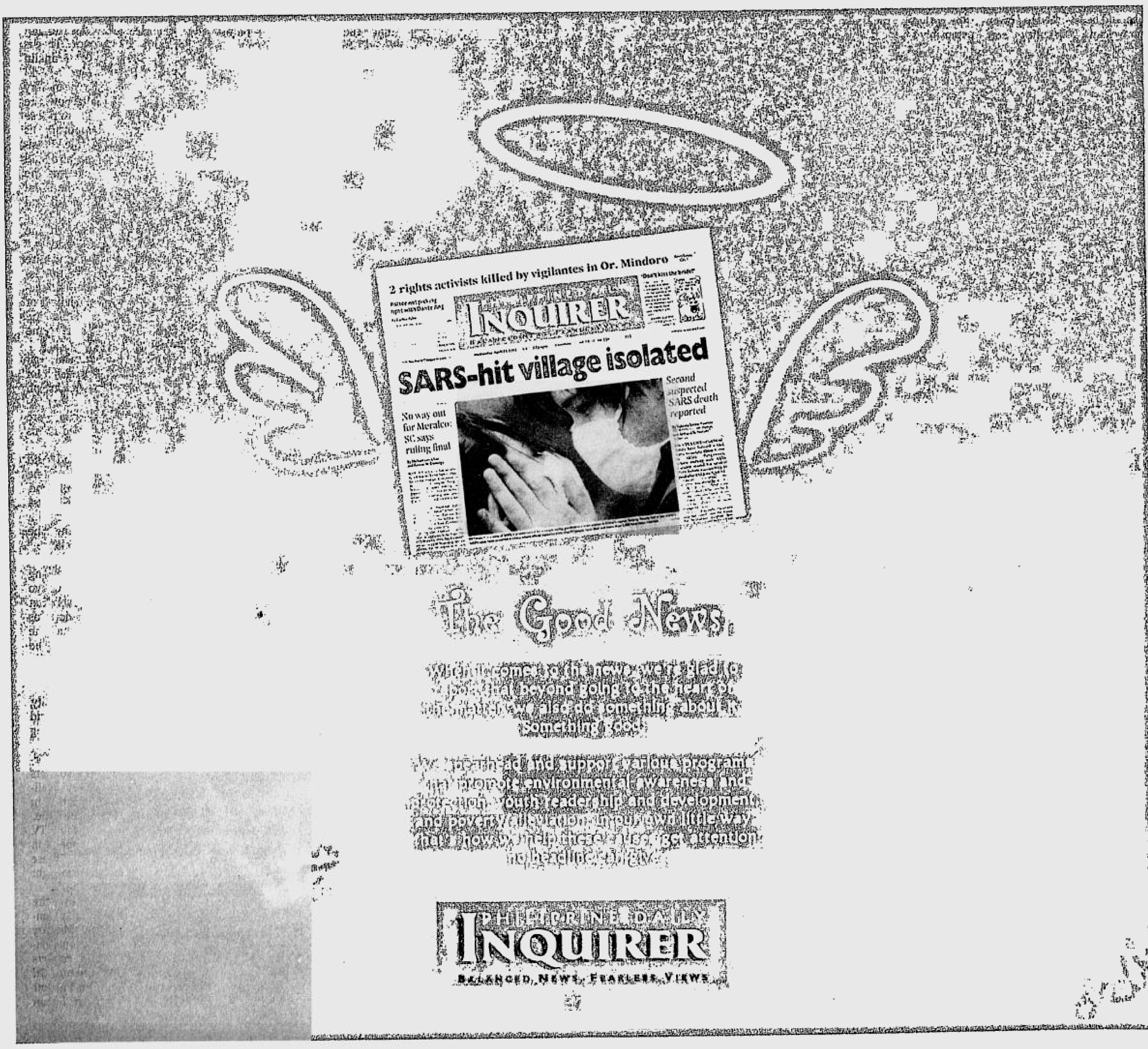
The protesters also urged the decriminalization of libel, the lifting of bans on coverage during national crises, a halt to the surveillance on media and the swift resolution of cases against the killers of journalists.

Raul Antipuesto, dxGO station manager, said they have started a replay of the slain broadcaster's program, which would go on until the police comes up with concrete results of its investigation.

The Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) in Davao City also condemned the killing of Pala, saying his death was a "clear travesty of our justice system, just like the senseless and still unsolved killings of crime suspects perpetrated by alleged self-styled vigilantes," an IBP statement, signed by Carlos Isagani Zarate, said.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Mike A won't take Ping's raps lying down

By Volt Contreras

WHILE President Macapagal-Arroyo's husband thinks that the Jose Pidal controversy is "simmering down," he will still fire back at opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson by filing a complaint before the Senate ethics committee tomorrow.

This was announced yesterday by Jose Miguel Arroyo's legal counsel, Jess Sison, who said the complaint would cite Lacson for not only maligning the First Gentleman but also undermining the Macapagal administration itself.

"The President's mind was disturbed by something that is not true, to the prejudice of the Filipino people," said Santos, citing one of the points that his client would raise against the senator.

He said the complaint would just leave to the committee the sanctions that should be slapped on Lacson.

Speaking at the weekly Sulo Hotel media forum, Santos said the complaint would cite Lacson for peddling "mischief, lies, fabricated evidence and malicious insinuations" in charging Arroyo of stashing P260 million in campaign funds under the alias Jose Pidal. Lacson has also suggested that Arroyo was carrying on an illicit affair with his accountant, Victoria Toh.

According to Santos, Arroyo is confident that the scandal is "simmering down" and will "just fade away."

The lawyer said that as shown by Arroyo's "amiable" mood during a press conference called by his lawyers Friday at the LTA Building in Makati City, "*nabunutan na siya ng tinik, nawalan na nang pabigat* (the thorn from his side has been pulled, the burden has been removed)."

Santos also said the fact that Arroyo would be joining his wife in her trips to the United States and Europe later this month was "strong proof that the plans of some grandstanding politicians did not succeed."

In a statement, Santos challenged Lacson to prove that he was "an officer and a gentleman" by fulfilling his promise to donate to Senate employees P260 million from his own pocket once it was proven that the funds existed in the Jose Pidal account.

"Now that it has been established by the banks themselves that the assertions by Senator Lacson were pure lies, it is time he make good on his promise to give the P260 million to the Senate employees," Santos said.

But if Lacson cannot give the full P260 million, he can at least release part of it so Senate employees can have something to use for a vacation while Congress is in recess, the lawyer said.

SURPRISE visit to the Capas public market may have surprised President Macapagal on Saturday regarding the prices of rice, meat, fish, vegetables and other prime commodities. She also visited Pangasinan and Pampanga. EDWIN BACASMAS

Senate waiting for Ping

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ue with this hearing absent the one who started [it]."

Lacson's sudden departure last week, purportedly for Australia, elicited criticism even from his allies in the Senate opposition bloc.

Donations in foundation

Reiterating what he said last week, Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said yesterday in a phone interview: "[Lacson] should try to catch up with the Monday meeting of the Senate joint committees because his presence could dispel the notion that he's no longer interested in pursuing the case."

Pimentel said that since Lacson "started it all," he should be concerned with the inquiry's final resolution.

"If Senator Lacson doesn't show up, I can't second-guess the committees," he said. "But even in the matter of voting alone, we will be one vote less."

Pimentel said the inquiry should continue to ascertain one more vital issue—why political contributions to Ms Macapagal's campaign mingled with donations to the Lualhati Foundation and other funds.

"As of this moment, nobody can say whether the sources of funds are illegal or legal. We have no proof yet. Definitely, we must find this out," Pimentel said.

Name names

Malacañang denied Sen. Serge Osmeña's allegation that it was pressuring the Senate to terminate the Pidal inquiry and leave the issue to the courts, and challenged him to name the Palace officials who supposedly called him and other senators with a message to that effect.

"Senator Osmeña must be fair and forthright," Secretary Gabriel Claudio of the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office said in a statement. "If he claims that officials from Malacañang called him to seek the termination of the Senate hearings on the Pidal case, he should name them."

Being the President's legislative adviser and official liaison with Congress, Claudio said he felt alluded to by Osmeña.

"I never called him," Claudio said, adding that the last time he spoke with Osmeña was when the senator phoned him to discuss the farmland-as-collateral bill that was up for discussion at the House bicameral panel.

"That was all we talked about, and the conversation was very brief," he said.

In an interview with RMN radio, Ms Macapagal's spokesperson Ignacio Bunye reiterated Malacañang's hands-off policy on the matter, except for issues dealing directly with the President like the accusation that a Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office check was deposited in a Pidal bank account, which the PCSO has since debunked.

"The President respects the Senate as an independent body and would not interfere in its proceedings," Bunye said.

He said it was up to the three Senate committees to decide on how to conclude its fact-finding probe on First Gentleman Mike Arroyo.

But Bunye said it was imperative for Lacson to substantiate his charges with real evidence and not mere photocopies of documents.

End the inquiry

Congressmen from the administration coalition want the Senate to terminate its investigation on Jose Pidal, which, according to Lacson, is Mike Arroyo's assumed name.

Biliran Rep. Gerry Espina said the Pidal bank accounts, which had been claimed by Mike Arroyo's younger brother Ignacio, were private funds and, thus, outside the purview of the Senate blue ribbon committee.

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This view was affirmed by Iloilo Rep. Augusto Syjuco, who said that the opposition senators should not let partisan politics taint their investigation of the Pidal accounts.

Syjuco pointed out that six of the seven banks listed by Lacson as holding questionable Pidal and/or Victoria Toh accounts had categorically certified that those accounts did not exist.

"What evidence could be stronger than that? If all the evidence shows that all these accounts do not exist, where is the crime?" he said.

Even Speaker Jose de Venecia did not hide his displeasure over Lacson's refusal or inability to show senators solid evidence to back his charges.

De Venecia said it would be to the national interest if Lacson presented his evidence to enable the Senate to finish its investigation, and came up with legislation to correct possible defects in laws that might have been violated.

Gelacio Mamaril, lawyer of Mike Arroyo's accountant Victoria Toh, also dared Osmeña to prove that she had just bought a house in Canada in cash despite the Jose Pidal controversy.

Osmeña had earlier claimed that Toh had just bought the house for $850,000.

Mamaril said Osmeña should produce the documents of the purported purchase and not subject his client to further suffering and humiliation.

"To continue destroying her reputation with repeated lies is nothing less than the height of injustice and persecution," Mamaril said in a statement.

He's not ready

Senator Arroyo believes that Lacson's trip abroad is an admission that when he made his exposé, he had no prepared evidence.

"Why did he deliver his privilege speeches when he was not ready with his evidence? That is what Senate President Franklin Drilon is asking for," Arroyo said.

Drilon had said that the inquiry on the matter could lead nowhere should Lacson continue to refuse to submit evidence supporting his accusations against the President's husband. Drilon also said Lacson had yet to prove that the money deposited into the Pidal accounts came from illegal sources.

"I can sympathize with the concern of the Senate president," Arroyo said. "How come we are proceeding already with the assumption that the Jose Pidal account is per se evil when it has not yet been demonstrated that the contents of the deposits came from spurious sources?"

Senator Arroyo recalled that during the aborted impeachment trial of then President Joseph Estrada, he alleged that Jose Velarde and Joseph Ejercito were one and the same person in his opening statement.

"But I had to prove, and I did prove, that they were the same through the testimony of [former bank executive] Clarissa Ocampo, that she witnessed... President Estrada signing the signature card as Jose Velarde," he said.

In the Pidal inquiry, nothing has been demonstrated, Arroyo said. "We still have to reach that stage. We can't just consider it as evil. That is, I think, what the Senate president was saying," he added.

They have cable

At Fort del Pilar in Baguio City, Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling said soldiers are closely monitoring the Pidal controversy.

Camiling, commanding general of the Army, said the soldiers had been provided every available means of communication in order to access news on the issue.

"We even gave them cable TV, so they know what happens in Metro Manila," he said. "These are Filipinos who have the right to know what is happening."

Camiling, who is due to retire in November, was yesterday honored at the Philippine Military Academy with the traditional parade and review. *With reports from Cynthia D. Balana and Gil Cabacungan in Manila; Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Guingona as president? No way, Erap protests

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dent. Guingona is just an appointee of an illegitimate [President]," Estrada told the INQUIRER yesterday in a phone interview from his detention quarters at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center.

"*Dapat ako makabalik diyan para maibalik ang* political stability (I should be returned to power so that we can attain political stability)," he said.

According to the ousted President who is charged with plunder before the Sandiganbayan, the people will not accept a government headed by Guingona.

"*Mas magagalit ang tao* (The people will get even angrier)," he said.

He also said the Vice President was close to turning against the Macapagal administration: "*Si* Guingona ... *gusto nang bumaliktad.*"

Meeting with the military

Estrada said he and his allies had heard reports that Guingona was "approaching military leaders" to withdraw support from the administration. He alleged that the Vice President sent Pastor "Boy" Saycon "to talk to the military."

But Guingona's spokesperson denied this.

"Although the Vice President has had differences with the administration, he will never participate in any extra-constitutional change in government," said Danilo Venida.

Saycon, secretary general of the Council of Philippine Affairs (Copa), was a staunch supporter of Ms Macapagal but has since been critical of her administration. He left for the United States, ostensibly for medical treatment, shortly after it was reported that Copa had been meeting with retired generals.

Estrada had earlier said his camp was "monitoring reports" of frequent meetings among retired generals who continued to wield strong influence over top military and police officials.

He said it was his failure to respond to what was discussed during meetings of retired generals during his time that cost him his post.

Chosen by the people

"We have to have a leader chosen by the people," declared Estrada, who had the biggest margin of votes in the last presidential election and who counts on the masses as his traditional support base.

"We will never attain political and economic stability unless we restore our Constitution," he said.

'Smart' cancer drugs for free

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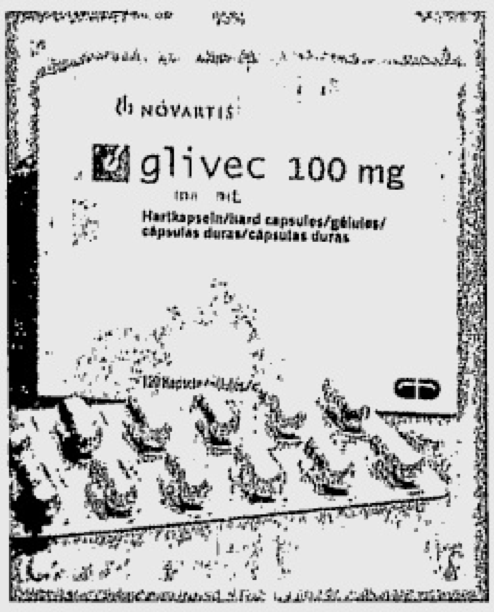
who are not insured, not reimbursed by any other source and have no financial resources to sustain the drug therapy.

A total of 124 Filipinos, most of whom reside in Luzon, are currently enrolled in the Gipap program.

There are over 2,000 Gipap beneficiaries worldwide.

Gipap is too good to be true, said Ratilla.

After all, no organization has previously attempted to give away an expensive drug, which costs over P1,000 per pill, to be administered four to eight times a day.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AT P1,000 per pill, a free lifetime supply of Glivec is now being made available to 124 Filipinos.

In memory of son

The foundation was established in 1996 by Argentinian Pedro Rivarola who lost his 17-year-old son, Maximiliano, to CML in 1991.

It was first founded to help children cancer patients of Hispanic origin. But by 1999, the Max Foundation expanded its scope and reached out to people of all ages and origins with blood-related cancers.

The foundation teamed up with Novartis Pharmaceuticals, the developer of Glivec, and came up with Gipap, its most generous and ambitious project so far.

Ratilla is the Philippines' first Gipap beneficiary, and is now a volunteer for the foundation known as MaxStation.

Although Gipap started in the Philippines only last February, Ratilla was able to avail herself of the drug prior to its local approval through the Compassionate Use Scheme, wherein drugs are allowed for use because of pressing needs.

Lifetime commitment

Gipap is a lifetime commitment: As long as the patient needs Glivec, Gipap will provide him the drug.

"Even the doctors at first didn't think the program would work," Ratilla said.

She said Gipap boosted her morale, knowing she would be able to sustain her drug therapy.

'Smart' drug

Glivec is a new generation "smart" drug, which specifically targets cancerous cells without damaging healthy ones. It is prescribed for both CML and GIST patients.

"The effect was so phenomenal that Glivec got the (US Food and Drug Administration) approval after a couple of years," Ratilla said.

Before the development of Glivec, a CML patient's only hope was through a bone marrow transplant, Ratilla said.

But for many Filipinos, a bone marrow transplant is out of the question. The operation is expensive, and searching for a matching donor, usually a sibling, is difficult. And even if one finds a donor, cases of nonmatching siblings are very common that many patients still succumb to the disease after the transplant. The operation also has to be performed within a year after diagnosis.

Most Filipino CML patients use a cheaper drug but this does not fight the root problem, Ratilla said.

"There is no [cell] selectivity, so even normal cells are suppressed," she said.

There is also an intravenous drug, but it is expensive at P1,000 per vial and is only 30-percent effective, she added.

Ratilla said she used this drug before but became resistant to it after a year.

Her search for a new drug led her to Glivec, and to Gipap.

Only doctors can apply

To avail of Glivec under Gipap, doctors should apply online (www.themaxfoundation.com) in behalf of their patients, said Ratilla.

To qualify, CML patients must be Philadelphia chromosome-positive, which 95 percent of CML patients are. And GIST patients must be CD117 positive.

Glivec is given to the patient through his doctor, and not through hospitals or third-party organizations, Ratilla said.

She said physicians must be specialists and must register their clinic and themselves as potential Gipap doctors.

If their applications are turned down, the doctors must refer their patients to CML/GIST specialists.

To spread the word on Gipap, Ratilla is getting a lot of help from the local Cancer Warriors Foundation. They are also working together on other projects including cancer awareness and the reduction of the prices of anti-cancer medicines.

(You can write to Eva Ratilla at the University of the Philippines, PO Box 179, UP Diliman, 1101 QC; e-mail maxPhilippines@themaxfoundation.org; or visit www.cml-litehouse.bravepages.com or www.c-warriors.org.)

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THE SINGLE dispatch scheme of the MMDA has brought some unexpected, but welcome, changes to Baclaran. An orderly terminal with covered walkways and clean urinals are now part of the Baclaran landscape.

BETOY JOHNSON

Something seems to work in Baclaran

By Margaux Ortiz

THERE seems to be more to the single dispatch system than organized traffic on Edsa.

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) has erected toilets and waiting sheds in Baclaran to prepare for the full implementation of the single dispatch system or Organized Edsa Bus Route.

MMDA General Manager Robert Nacianceno said the construction of the sheds and toilets were meant to accommodate the thousands of passengers who would benefit from the new bus scheme.

Since the dispatch terminals are situated in Metro Manila's endpoints, like Baclaran, passengers are expected to flock to these areas to ride the buses, Nacianceno said.

He also said the MMDA would be putting up similar facilities in designated bus dispatch terminals all over Metro Manila.

The MMDA official said the new structures—especially the female toilets—have elicited excitement from bystanders since they began construction a week ago.

"Women clapped their hands enthusiastically when they saw our men putting up the toilets," Nacianceno said.

The MMDA official said the toilets are expected to be in working condition next week.

He clarified that there will also be restrooms for men as well.

The MMDA official said the toilets will have lights and running water.

"The good news is, the users won't have to pay a single cent… the MMDA will shoulder the maintenance costs," Nacianceno said.

But unlike the MMDA's male urinals, which have mushroomed all over the metropolis, the toilets are exclusive to dispatch terminals.

Nacianceno said the toilets are much more expensive to maintain than urinals.

"But we will recommend to (MMDA) Chair (Bayani) Fernando if we see (the need) for this kind of toilets," Nacianceno said.

The MMDA has received criticisms from local officials for the urinal project's "lack of gender-sensitivity."

MMDA officials earlier rationalized that men have a harder time "holding it in" than women.

Solon threatens barangay chair over 'ghost delivery'

By Tina Santos

CALOOCAN City Rep. Enrico "Recom" Echiverri yesterday threatened to file libel charges against a barangay chair who accused the congressman of masterminding the "ghost delivery" of communication equipment.

Echiverri said that Barangay 186 chair Rolando Rivera's allegation was "politically motivated."

He said Rivera implicated his name and reputation to "advance their political interests."

The congressman revealed that Rivera will run for a council seat under the ticket of his political rival ticket in the 2004 local elections.

Rivera had earlier accused Echiverri of forging the barangay elder's signature for the delivery of at least 20 units of UHF/FM handheld transceivers and other communication devices amounting to almost P500,000.

The equipment was supposed to be delivered to Rivera's barangay, according to an invoice receipt for the items.

The receipt also bore the signatures of Echiverri and one Venancio Santidad of the Department of Transportation and Communication.

Echiverri said that it was Rivera who made a verbal request for the radio equipment.

"I responded, hence the delivery of the items to his barangay by the concerned government agency," Echiverri said.

The congressman added that only forwarded Rivera's request to the DOTC.

Fire victims pick up the pieces…

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Nieveras came to the compound in 1958, when only four houses stood.

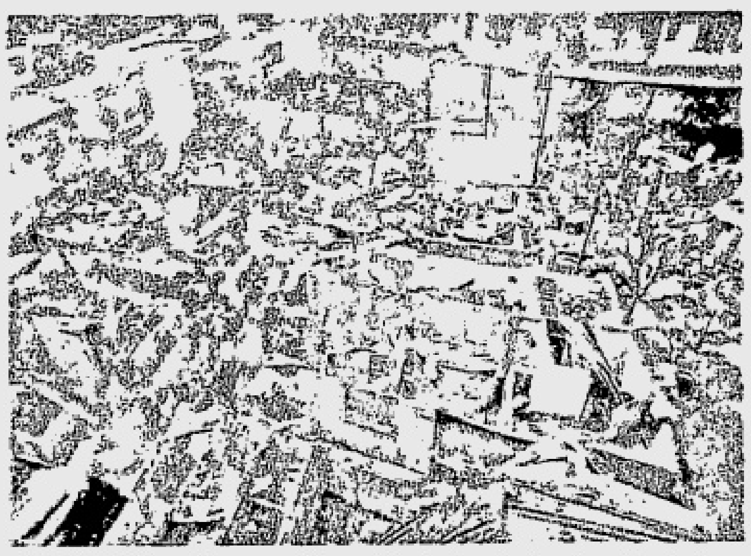
Nieveras, Garcia, her live-in partner and their five children are among the 237 families whose homes were damaged, if not destroyed, by the fire last Sunday.

Garcia said her partner, a laborer who earns P200 a day, is trying to put their house together from salvaged materials. She said City Hall has promised to give them construction materials to rebuild their homes.

"We are giving each structure owner P3,000 worth of construction materials, including coco lumber, plywood and GI (galvanized iron) sheets," said Manila social welfare head Jose Baranda.

He said 65 families stayed in the elementary school, where classes had to be suspended to give way to the fire victims.

Part of the school was also damaged during the fire, the cause of which has yet to be determined.



ABOUT 230 families were affected in the fire that reduced to cinders an entire block in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

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The families occupied the school's hallways and other common areas. Its floors, covered with cardboards, straw mats and sacks, have been turned into beds.

To mark their territories in their temporary abode, the fire victims have bordered their spaces with cartons and plastic bags where they placed clothes and other pieces of property they were able to save.

Baranda said City Hall has been providing free meals for the fire victims for three days now, as well as medical assistance.

MMDA tears down street stalls in Pangarap

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

TENSION gripped a Caloocan City subdivision on Thursday when about 60 members of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority sidewalk clearing unit tore down about 50 makeshift stalls in front of the village gate.

The vendors denounced the operation, saying that the MMDA men had no right to demolish their stalls which, they said, were located inside the private Pangarap Village in North Caloocan City.

The 156-hectare Pangarap Village property is the subject of a pending case between its present occupants—mostly former employees of President Ferdinand Marcos—and claimant Gregorio Araneta III of Carmel Development, Inc.

MMDA General Manager Robert Nacianceno said his men undertook the demolition because the structures were built on sidewalks.

"We don't have anything to do with property disputes," Nacianceno said.

Armed with court documents, policemen and the MMDA crew stormed the village at about 9:30 a.m.

Responding to vendors' taunts, the MMDA men were also forced to tear down a police outpost that was constructed on the sidewalk of Quirino Highway.

With Margaux Ortiz

Bicolanos wind up Intramuros exhibit

LOVERS of Bicolano culture and products have up to today to view the Bicol Region's exhibits and shows at the historic Walled City of Intramuros.

The event, "Gayon Bikol Fiesta sa Intramuros," was launched on Sept. 5, showcasing the best that the six provinces and seven cities of the Bicol Region have to offer.

During the 12-day activity, Bicolanos gave Metro Manila residents the opportunity to participate in the procession of the region's patroness saint, Our Lady of Peñafrancia.

"With graces from and for the honor of the Our Lady of Peñafrancia, the local government units and the tourism department have made this 12-day activity a success," said Maria Nini Ravanilla, Department of Tourism Bicol director. She said they expect to raise some P3 to P4 million from the event.

The Bicolanos have at least 32 booths exhibiting various native products and crafts.

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High-rise…

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long as they have the paying capacity."

Anzures said that the housing project is meant for perpetual leasing or rental.

He stressed that none of the units will be for sale.

"We are looking at a rental fee of P4,000 per unit, but that's just a starting figure and could even be lowered," Anzures said.

Each of the 600 units will have one or two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and bathroom, Anzures explained.

He said the project will take 18 months to finish.

"We are hoping to complete everything by early 2005," he said.

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NOTICE OF SALES OF DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY

By virtue of the provisions of Section 260 & 263 of RA 7160, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, the undersigned will sell at public auction on September 26, 2003, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. at the main entrance Taxpayer's Lounge, Quezon City Hall, Diliman, Quezon City, the real property herein below specified which are hereby certified to be delinquent in the payment of real estate tax, to satisfy all delinquent real property taxes, penalties, and costs due thereon as of the date of sale.

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Alinsunod sa itinatadhana ng Section 260 & 263 ng RA 7160, o ang tinatawag na Local Government Code of 1991 ang nakalagda sa ibaba ay magsusubasta sa publiko sa Setyembre 26, 2003, sa ganap na ika-10:00 ng umaga sa main entrance Taxpayer's Lounge, Quezon City Hall, Diliman, Quezon City, ng mga ari-ariang binabanggit sa ibaba na napatunayan na hindi bayad upang mabayaran ang amorosong buwis, multa at halaga ng pagsusubasta.

NO.	PI#	LOT	BLK	AREA	BRGY.	KIND	CLASS	T.D. #	DECLARED OWNER	YEAR	AMOUNT	TITLE #
1	03-00462-A	6	76	*	SMH	IMP	COM	D-055-02541	SO SHERWIN & DRILLON SO	1994-03(1-2)	1,041,275.32	
2	03-00719-B	7	234	*	Q.BLV.	IMP	COM	D-033-01169	FAUSTO MILAGROS	1981-03(1-2)	802,156.26	
3	03-04366	7	1	70	SMH	L&IMP	RES.	02791/03734	NHA/SANTIAGO BAUTISTA	1986-03(1-2)	13,966.67	
4	03-04383	8	2	79.30	SMH	L&IMP	RES.	02803/03722	NHA/PRIMO FACUN	1987-03(1-2)	13,690.20	
5	03-04493	1	8	72	SMH	L&IMP	RES.	0630/05058	NHA/RAFAEL A. PALER	1983-03(1-2)	37,986.43	
6	06-02729-A	7-B	135	*	SFDM	IMP	COM	D-096-04382	CLEVELAND INDUSTRIES/ ANDO SY	1994-03(1-2)	26,382,087.86	
7	08-02281-1001-179	1	UNIT-12-A	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-02976	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	12,539.61	14315
8	08-02281-1001-181	1	UNIT-12-C	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-02978	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	11,257.67	14317
9	08-02281-1001-184	1	UNIT-12-F	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-02981	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	7,877.88	14320
10	08-02281-1001-192	1	UNIT-14-B	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-03020	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	11,537.44	14328
11	08-02281-1001-194	1	UNIT-14-D	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-03022	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	23,978.68	14330
12	08-02281-1001-202	1	UNIT-14-L	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-03030	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	13,432.13	14338
14	08-02281-1001-207	1	UNIT-15-E	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-03035	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	13,778.81	14343
15	08-02281-1001-210	1	UNIT-15-H	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-03038	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	13,778.81	14346
16	08-02281-1001-212	1	UNIT-15-J	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-03040	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	11,476.97	14348
17	08-02281-1001-219	1	UNIT-16-E	*	KAMUNING	IMP	RES.	D-092-03047	24-K PROPERTY VENTURES INC.	2001-03(1-2)	32,268.12	14355
18	09-01566	14	E-83	413.4	CENTRAL	L& IMP	RES.	D-107-00270	LEOVIGILDO /YOLANDA REYES	1996-03(1-2)	83,850.79	317921
19	11-06071-000-1-004	1	LRC	*	B.BANTAY	IMP	COM	D-117-02436	OHRELLE INC.C/O ERLINDA PASTORAL	1988-03(1-2)	107,869.07	
20	12-00902-A	1,2,3&4	29	*	E. RODRIGUEZ	IMP	COM	D-040-03136	ATTY. NEREO PACULDO	1965-03(1-2)	5,112,710.20	
21	12-07893	PCN	272	2,200	SOCORRO	LOT	COM	D-109-05768	INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION	1999-03(1-2)	748,646.25	
22	13-05158-1001	23	22	*	MURPHY	IMP	RES.	D-126-03474	LANDALE DEV. CORP	1996-03(1-2)	720,345.22	
23	13-05928-A	13	7	*	U. NORTE	IMP	RES.	2432	MUHAMMAD ALI-DIMAPORO	1997-03(1-2)	629,176.47	
24	13-09001-1001-181	C3C4	UNIT-8-C	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02642	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	98,096.75	25597
25	13-09001-1001-191	C3C4	UNIT-10-A	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02652	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	1,405,158.30	25607
26	13-09001-1001-217	C3C4	UNIT-14-D	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02824	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS.INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	89,935.91	25633
27	13-09001-1001-224	C3C4	UNIT-14-K	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02830	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	84,943.63	25649
28	13-09001-1001-229	C3C4	UNIT-16-C	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02790	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	98,096.76	25654
29	13-09001-1001-230	C3C4	UNIT-16-D	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02791	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	89,935.90	
30	13-09001-1001-231	C3C4	UNIT-16-E	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02792	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	107,368.31	25656
31	13-09001-1001-232	C3C4	UNIT-16-F	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02793	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	84,943.59	25657
32	13-09001-1001-233	C3C4	UNIT-16-G	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02794	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-(1-2)	96,908.66	25658
33	13-09001-1001-237	C3C4	UNIT-16-K	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02798	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	86,687.03	25662
34	13-09001-1001-239	C3C4	UNIT-18-A	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02800	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	1,405,158.30	25664
35	13-09001-1001-240	C3C4	UNIT-19-A	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02801	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	1,405,158.30	25665
36	13-09001-1001-258	C3C4	UNIT-27-A	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02842	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	153,827.66	24545
37	13-09001-1001-259	C3C4	UNIT-27-B	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02843	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	93,659.81	24546
38	13-09001-1001-260	C3C4	UNIT-27-C	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02844	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	98,096.76	24547
39	13-09001-1001-261	C3C4	UNIT-27-D	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02845	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	89,935.90	24548
40	13-09001-1001-262	C3C4	UNIT-27-E	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02846	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC .(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	107,368.31	24549
41	13-09001-1001-263	C3C4	UNIT-27-F	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02847	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	84,943.60	24550
42	13-09001-1001-264	C3C4	UNIT-27-G	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02848	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	96,908.67	24551
43	13-09001-1001-265	C3C4	UNIT-27-H	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02849	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	87,795.79	24552
44	13-09001-1001-267	C3C4	UNIT-27-J	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02851	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	84,943.60	24554
45	13-09001-1001-268	C3C4	UNIT-27-K	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02852	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	86,687.03	24555
46	13-09001-1001-280	C3C4	UNIT-29-A	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02864	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	153,827.66	24567
47	13-09001-1001-281	C3C4	UNIT-29-B	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02865	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	93,659.81	24568
48	13-09001-1001-282	C3C4	UNIT-29-C	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02866	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	98,096.76	24569
49	13-09001-1001-283	C3C4	UNIT-29-D	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02867	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	89,935.89	24570
50	13-09001-1001-284	C3C4	UNIT-29-E	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02868	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	107,368.31	24571
51	13-09001-1001-285	C3C4	UNIT-29-F	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02869	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	84,943.60	24572
52	13-09001-1001-286	C3C4	UNIT-29-G	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02870	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	96,908.66	24573
53	13-09001-1001-287	C3C4	UNIT-29-H	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02871	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	87,795.79	24574
54	13-09001-1001-288	C3C4	UNIT-29-I	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02872	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	91,679.33	24575
55	13-09001-1001-289	C3C4	UNIT-29-J	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02873	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	84,943.60	24576
56	13-09001-1001-290	C3C4	UNIT-29-K	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02874	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	86,687.03	24577
57	13-09001-1001-291	C3C4	UNIT-30-A	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02875	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	153,827.66	24578
58	13-09001-1001-292	C3C4	UNIT-30-B	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02876	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	93,659.81	24579
59	13-09001-1001-293	C3C4	UNIT-30-C	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02877	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	98,096.76	24580
60	13-09001-1001-294	C3C4	UNIT-30-D	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02878	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	89,935.90	24581
61	13-09001-1001-295	C3C4	UNIT-30-E	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02879	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	107,368.31	24582
62	13-09001-1001-296	C3C4	UNIT-30-F	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02880	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	84,943.60	24583
63	13-09001-1001-297	C3C4	UNIT-30-G	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02881	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	96,908.66	24584
64	13-09001-1001-298	C3C4	UNIT-30-H	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02882	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	87,795.78	24585
65	13-09001-1001-299	C3C4	UNIT-30-I	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02883	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-031-2	91,679.33	24586
66	13-09001-1001-300	C3C4	UNIT-30-J	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02884	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	84,943.59	24587
67	13-09001-1001-301	C3C4	UNIT-30-K	*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02885	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	86,687.03	24588
68	13-09001-1001-303	C3C4		*	MURPHY	IMP	COM	D-009-02887	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	8,366,988.38	
69	13-09001-2-001			*	MURPHY	IMP	MACH	D-009-02808	EMPIRE EASTLAND HOLDINGS INC.(IBM CONDO)	2001-03(1-2)	2,360,216.25	
70	16-00198-1001-241	14	S-20	*	QUADRANGLE	IMP	RES.	D-110-03733	NEW SAN JOSE BUILDERS	1999-03(1-2)	37,859.23	
71	16-00198-1001-357	14	S-20	*	QUADRANGLE	IMP	RES.	D-110-03803	NEW SAN JOSE BUILDERS	1999-03-(1-2)	70,272.86	
72	19-02212	11	FLS	900	SN. BART.	LOT	RES.	D-043-01025	MINERVINO ESPIRITU	1991-03(1-2)	20,459.59	167186
73	19-02704-B	48	FLS	*	S. BARTOLOME	IMP	RES.	D-043-04044	ELISEO CANLAS	1990-03(1-2)	7,620.19	
74	19-07092	1	PCS	8,263	SN BART	LOT	COM	D-041-02923	INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION	1999-03(1-2)	843,554.10	135937
75	20-01026-B	7	1	*	NOVALICHES	IMP	RES.	D-071-01559	ARCADIO REYES	1988-03(1-2)	88,914.78	
76	20-01629	150-H		9,313	NOVALICHES	LOT	COM	D-069-07460	MULTILANE INT'L GROUP CORP.	1996-03(1-2)	1,816,146.76	126654
77	20-02876-D	171C1A	4	*	NOVALICHES	IMP	IND.	D-069-06903	PHILIPPINE LEAD CORP.	1996-03(1-2)	4,544,820.00	
78	20-02939-B	26		*	NOVALICHES	IMP	RES.	D-095-NOA	AMADO TETANGCO	1990-03(1-2)	21,343.63	
79	21-03166	41C2D1	PSD	15,609	CAPITOL	LOT	RES.	D-136-07033	J.F.PROXIMO HOLDINGS &DEV CORP	2000-03(1-2)	439,495.16	202704
80	21-04201-A	822		*	CAPITOL	IMP	RES.	D-087-10947	ROYAL MARU GOLF RANGE	1994-03(1-2)	612,713.78	
82	21-23464	12	3	180	CAPITOL	LOT	RES.	D-139-09755	ESTHER D. AGTAY	1997-03(1-2)	13,898.25	343667
83	21-23835	24	12	323	CAPITOL	LOT	IND.	D-139-02684	PERCIVAL FERNANDEZ	1988-03(1-2)	13,273.19	355059
84	21-23840	29	12	180	CAPITOL	L&IMP	RES.	02689 / 16000	ROLANDO G. PUNZALAN	1988-03(1-2)	57,874.54	371425
85	21-23988		19	180	CAPITOL	L&IMP	RES.	02831/12849	LETECIA DOMONDON	2000-03(1-2)	37,457.50	362518
86	21-24082	12	1	240	CAPITOL	LOT	RES.	D-139-02911	DIONISIO BOLLOSO JR.	1996-03(1-2)	13,533.75	
87	21-24085	15	1	256	CAPITOL	L&IMP	RES.	02914/07865	CECILIA MONDALA	2001-03(1-2)	34,574.40	348869
88	21-24939	6	30	150	CAPITOL	L&IMP	RES.	03590/04813	BLISS DEV. CORP. / OFELIA MONROY	1998-03(1-2)	41,819.56	331561
89	21-24964-A	3	31	*	CAPITOL	IMP	RES.	D-139-08645	RODOLFO VILLA	1986-03(1-2)	86,698.69	
90	21-24977	16	31	155	CAPITOL	L&IMP	RES.	03627/08449	BLISS DEV. CORP.	1997-03(1-2)	52,589.99	331599
91	21-24995	10	32	155	CAPITOL	L&IMP	RES.	03644/08780	BLISS DEV. CORP.	1990-03(1-2)	97,979.38	331617
92	21-25129-A	13	5	*	CAPITOL	IMP	RES.	D-087-09551	VICTOR KIERULF / LUCILA	1998-03(1-2)	45,647.12	
93	21-25452	8	4	170	CAPITOL	LOT	RES.	D-087-02257	E.M RAMOS & CO INC	1996-03(1-2)	8,960.08	359504
94	21-25679	13	10	150	CAPITOL	LOT	RES.	D-087-02457	E.M. RAMOS & CO. INC	1991-03(1-2)	11,041.58	359731
95	21-25830	WHOLE	17	1220	CAPITOL	LOT	RES.	D-087-02599	E.M. RAMOS & CO. INC	1990-03(1-2)	77,020.58	360059
96	21-26065	17	24	180	CAPITOL	LOT	RES,	D-087-02798	E.M. RAMOS & CO. INC	1993-03(1-2)	11,756.81	360472
97	21-26102	17	26	293	CAPITOL	LOT	RES.	D-087-00927	E.M. RAMOS & CO. INC	1998-03(1-2)	13,243.97	360509

I hereby certify that pursuant to Section 258 of RA 7160 otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, the foregoing statement of delinquencies is a correct transcript of the records of this Office as of September 13, 2003.

Note:

Prospective Bidders on the Public Auction Sale are required to post Cash Bond of Php 5,000.00

(SGD.) VICTOR B. ENDRIGA, Ph.D.
City Treasurer
Quezon City

Dito'y pinatitibayan ko alinsunod sa Seksiyong 258 ng RA 7160, kilala rin bilang The Local Government Code of 1991, na ang mga nauunang paglalahad ng pagkakautang ay wastong salin ng talaan sa Tanggapang ito hanggang Setyembre 13, 2003.

Paalala:

Lahat ng magpapalista para sumali sa Subasta ay kailangang maglagak ng Cash Bond sa halagang limang libong piso (Php5,000.00).

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High-rise, low-priced homes for workers go up in Makati

By Margaux Ortiz

THE IDEA of high-rise, low-priced apartments in the heart of Makati City seems too good to be true.

Yet according to Makati City officials, planning for the construction of medium-cost housing units for Makati City residents is already underway.

Lito Anzures, spokesperson of Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay, said that they are planning to build three buildings with a minimum of 20 stories each in Barangay Cembo.

"The housing project will be called Makati Homes—the first of its kind in the city," Anzures said.

He said the units will be open to Makati residents and workers in the city.

Anzures said the project was also meant to relocate Makati transients in order to lessen the number of people and vehicles going in and out of the city everyday.

Aside from de-congesting traffic, the Makati City government would also greatly benefit from the taxes the new residents would have to pay, Anzures said.

He added that architects will be commissioned to make the housing units more presentable than other known housing projects.

"The project will be a far cry from relocation sites for illegal settlers," Anzures stressed. "However, this does not mean that the units will be elitist… everybody is welcome to live there, as

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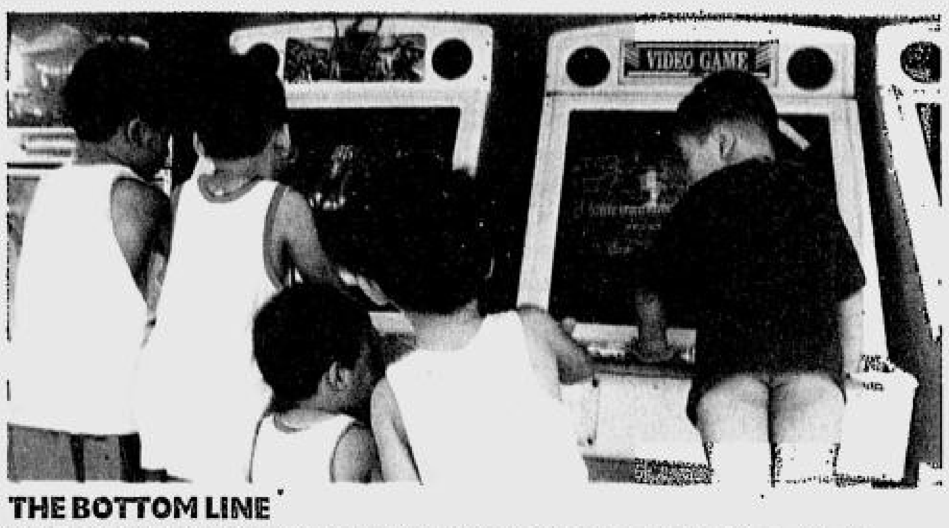

THE BOTTOM LINE
You need not bother putting on your trousers when you're a child in Tondo, Manila waiting for your turn at a video game.
EDWIN BACASMAS

Fire victims pick up the pieces from the ashes

By Tarra Quismundo

WHAT used to be a bustling neighborhood in Manila is now a black, barren land.

But amid the gloom and ashes and the occasional smoke coming from dying embers, burnt walls and charred wood of former homes, life has not stopped in this residential compound at the border of Tondo and Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Two days after a six-hour fire razed 150 homes in the area, men who used to live in these houses have started to salvage what they could from out of the wreckage.

Some managed to rescue galvanized iron sheets that were hardly touched by the blaze, carrying these to the spot where their houses used to stand. Others salvaged materials which appear to be sturdy enough to hold together another shanty.

The men only stopped to join the rest of their family for a lunch of rice and pork stew at the Gen. M. Hizon Elementary School nearby, where most of the fire victims have been staying since Monday morning.

"We are coming back to our houses because we have nowhere else to go," said Elma Garcia, a laundrywoman. She said that most, if not all, of the residents of the compound, are squatters.

Garcia was able to save her family's clothes and electric fan.

She placed an image of the Sto. Niño against a wall in front of a small space in the school's hallway, where she and her family have been sleeping since Monday.

Her aunt, Dolores Nieveras, 77, was not as lucky. Only the four concrete walls of her her two-story house were left standing when the fire was extinguished at about 3 a.m. last Monday.

"This is the only thing I was able to save," the former laundry woman said clutching the dress she was wearing.

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Rob suspect finds perfect hiding place

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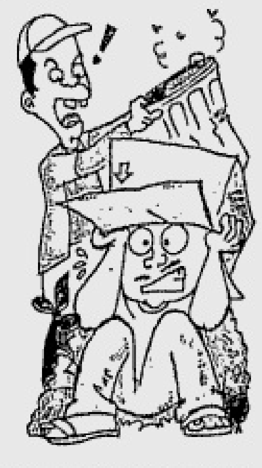
SUSPECTED jeepney robber Billy Jesus on Friday thought he found the perfect hiding place to elude lawmen searching for him in Pasig City.



Jesus, 24, of Barangay Pinagbuhatan, hid in a garbage heap at the back of a grocery store, enduring the stench for three hours.

But just when Jesus thought he was going to get away with it, a garbage collector arrived and spoiled his plans.

The garbage man saw Jesus under a carton. He then called the policemen who were looking for Jesus nearby.

Meanwhile, Jesus' companion, Paul Balaguing, 27, also of Barangay Pinagbuhatan, shot and almost hit a barangay watchman.

Watchman Nestor Casapao of Barangay San Miguel took his right shoe to the police station and showed the lawmen where he was shot.

"It was this close," Casapao exclaimed as he pointed to a hole in his shoe just above the big toe.

P03 Aron Samal said Jesus and Balaguing commandeered a tricycle after robbing a passenger jeepney on Mercedez Avenue at dawn. The tricycle driver, Ronnie Villanueva, managed to keep his cool and went straight to the barangay hall. Upon reaching it, Villanueva veered to the right, got off the tricycle, and shouted for help. The watchmen heard the cry and ran after the suspects.

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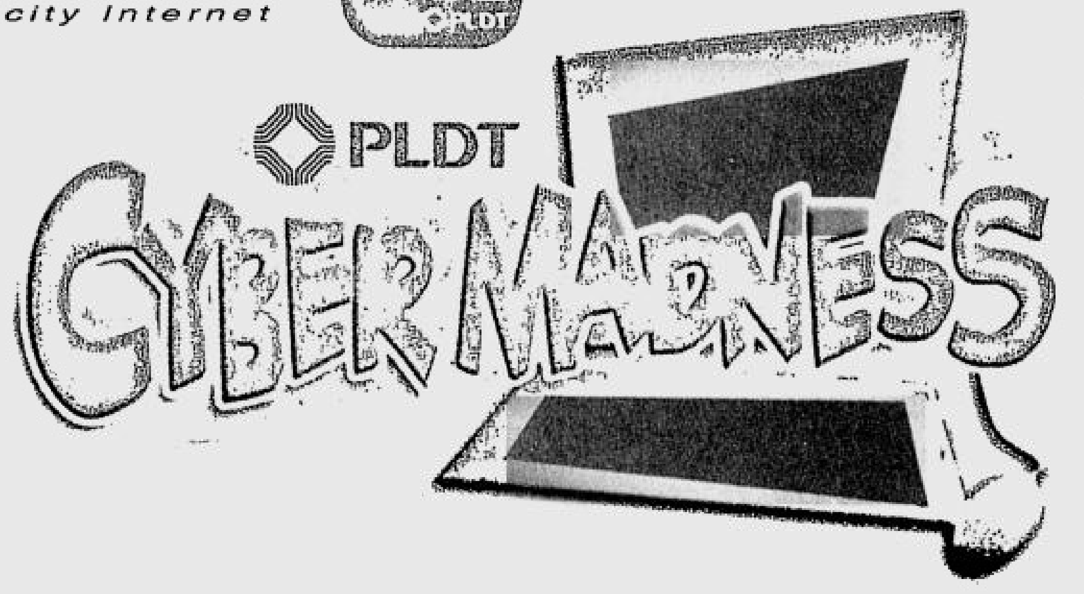

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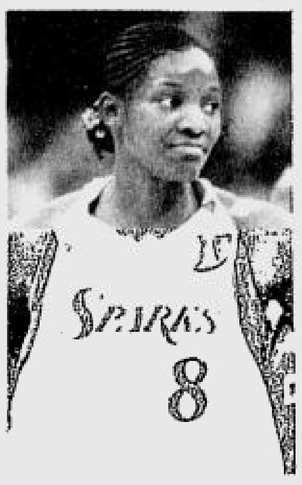

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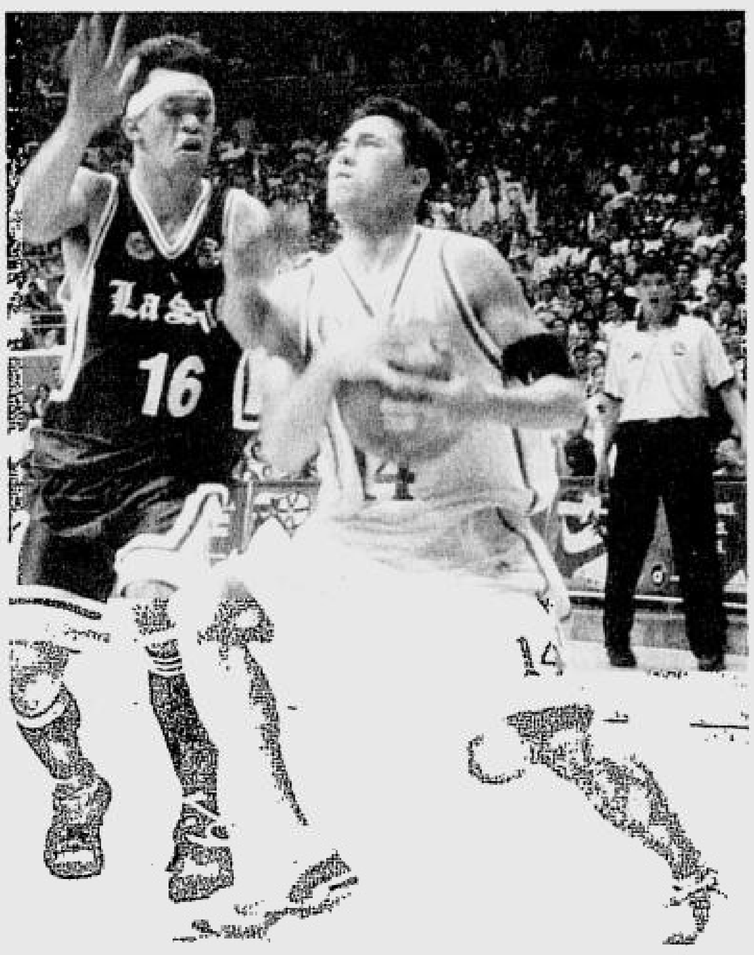

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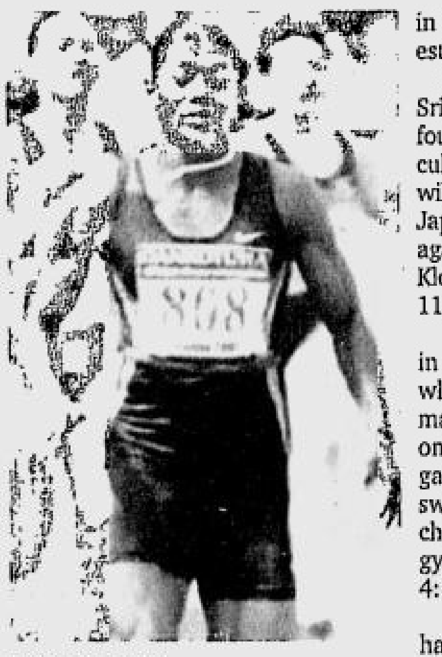

JAYASINGHE

SPRINT queen Susanthika Jayasinghe of Sri Lanka and India's middle distance runner Rani Sunita lead the elite cast of female superstars in the 15th Asian Athletics Association championships set Sept. 20 to 23 at the Rizal Track and Field oval.

Still single, the 27-year-old Jayasinghe flashed her lightning-quick form in the 2002 edition of the meet by topping both the 100 and the 200 meters before a thrilled capacity hometown crowd in Colombo.

The tall and dusky sprinter clocked 11.29 seconds to beat China's Qin Wangping (11.56) and Uzbek Perepelova Lyubov (11.60) for the 100m gold.

In the 200m, she timed 22.84 to turn back anew rival Lyubov (23.76) and China's Yan Jiankui (23.85). A week later, Jayasinghe flew to Madrid, Spain for the World Cup and snatched a bronze by checking in at 22.82 to break her Asian championship record.

Jayasinghe, however, only won the 100m gold in the Asian Games in Busan, South Korea, submitting a games record of 11.15 seconds. Her personal best of 11.03, still unbeatable in the continent, was recorded in the World Grand Prix in Manchester, England in June 2002.

Feared in the Asian continent, the Sri Lankan lass also dominated the four-leg 2003 Asian Grand Prix that culminated in Manila last June. She will be challenged this time by Japan's Motoka Arai and Kaori Sakagami and Thailand's Orranut Klomdee, who own identical times of 11.45 seconds as their personal best.

Sunita, 23, emerged prominently in the Busan Asian Games 1500m, which she ruled after a so-so performance in the Sri Lanka championships. Her time of 4:06.03 was a games record and the win was even sweeter since she humbled Asian champion Borisova Tatiana of Kyrgyztan, who took the silver in 4:12.53.

Aside from Tatiana, Sunita will have to contend with Bahrain's Latifa Arokh (4:10.0) and China's Huina Xing (4:10.17) this time.

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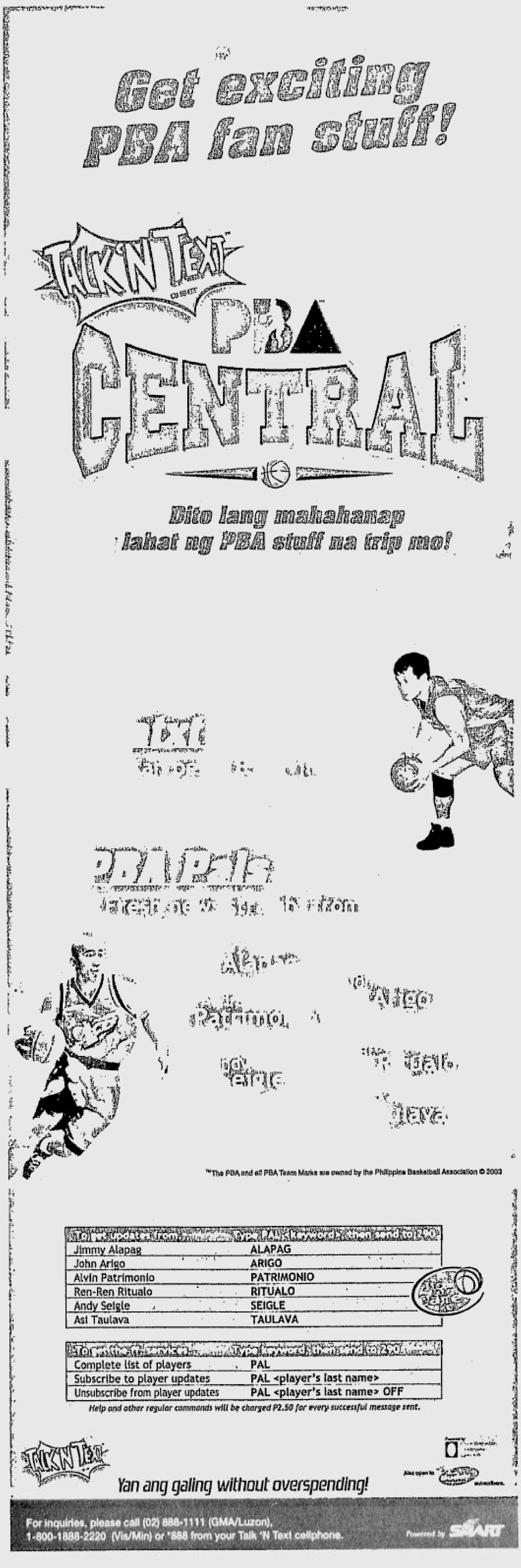

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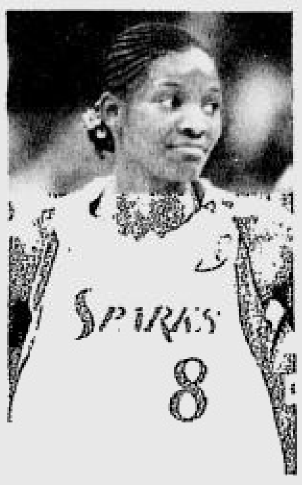

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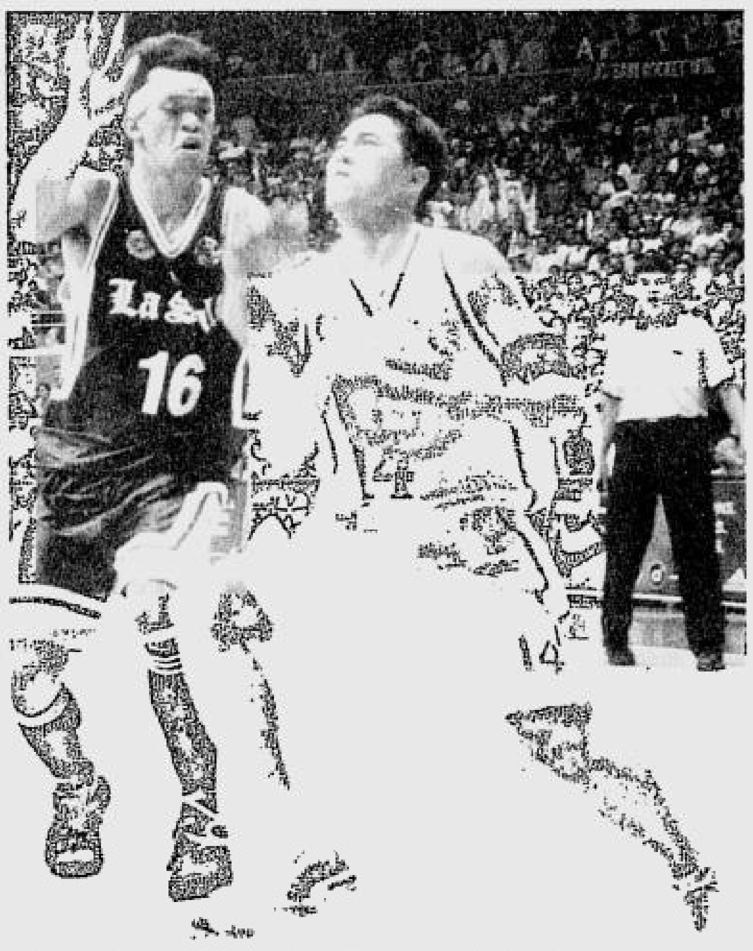

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LA SALLE 89—Yeo 18, Cardona 16, Gaco 16, Casio 13, Tang 7, Ramos 6, Benitez 6, Arana 3, Aquino 2, Sharma 2, Gatchalian 0

Quarters: 26-24, 55-42, 77-71, 98-89.

Jayasinghe, Sunita head elite female cast in Asian trackfest

SPRINT queen Susanthika Jayasinghe of Sri Lanka and India's middle distance runner Rani Sunita lead the elite cast of female superstars in the 15th Asian Athletics Association championships set Sept. 20 to 23 at the Rizal Track and Field oval.

Still single, the 27-year-old Jayasinghe flashed her lightning-quick form in the 2002 edition of the meet by topping both the 100 and the 200 meters before a thrilled capacity hometown crowd in Colombo.

The tall and dusky sprinter clocked 11.29 seconds to beat China's Qin Wangping (11.56) and Uzbek Perepelova Lyubov (11.60) for the 100m gold.

In the 200m, she timed 22.84 to turn back anew rival Lyubov (23.76) and China's Yan Jiankui (23.85). A week later, Jayasinghe flew to Madrid, Spain for the World Cup and snatched a bronze by checking in at 22.82 to break her Asian championship record.

Jayasinghe, however, only won the 100m gold in the Asian Games in Busan, South Korea, submitting a games record of 11.15 seconds. Her personal best of 11.03, still unbeatable in the continent, was recorded in the World Grand Prix in Manchester, England in June 2002.

JAYASINGHE

Feared in the Asian continent, the Sri Lankan lass also dominated the four-leg 2003 Asian Grand Prix that culminated in Manila last June. She will be challenged this time by Japan's Motoka Arai and Kaori Sakagami and Thailand's Orranut Klomdee, who own identical times of 11.45 seconds as their personal best.

Sunita, 23, emerged prominently in the Busan Asian Games 1500m, which she ruled after a so-so performance in the Sri Lanka championships. Her time of 4:06.03 was a games record and the win was even sweeter since she humbled Asian champion Borisova Tatiana of Kyrgyztan, who took the silver in 4:12.53.

Aside from Tatiana, Sunita will have to contend with Bahrain's Latifa Arokh (4:10.0) and China's Huina Xing (4:10.17) this time.

However, her compatriot, Sara Saraswati, who triumphed in the 200 in Busan, is not in the athletes' list for the Manila competition.

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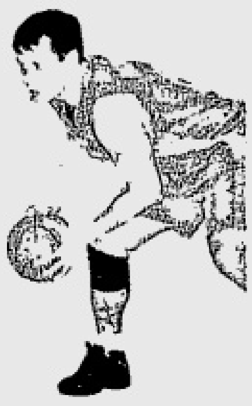

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Kobe lawyers want to close hearing

DENVER—Kobe Bryant's attorneys asked a judge Friday to close next month's preliminary hearing, saying publicity would threaten the NBA star's right to a fair trial on a rape charge. They also accused authorities of secretly recording a statement by Bryant.

The Oct. 9 hearing will determine whether the Los Angeles Lakers guard will stand trial on a charge of sexually assaulting a Colorado resort worker over the summer. He has said the two had consensual sex.

Defense attorney Hal Haddon said the Colorado Supreme Court has ruled that closing preliminary hearings is justified if a defendant's right to a fair trial is at stake.

He also cited an earlier ruling to keep detailed court records in the case sealed in which a judge concluded there was "a substantial probability that defendant's right to a fair trial would be prejudiced."

Krista Flannigan, a spokesperson for the prosecution, declined comment. The prosecution is fighting a defense request to have the accuser testify at the hearing.

Bryant is charged with sexually assaulting the woman on June 30 at the Edwards resort where he was a guest and she was an employee.

The prosecution has said it will disclose some of its evidence at the hearing, including testimony from a detective, photographs of injuries to the accuser, a videotaped statement she made to investigators and an "electronically enhanced" version of an interview Bryant gave to authorities sometime after the incident.

The defense had sharp criticism of how the recording was obtained and said it should be barred.

"The public revelation of this potentially inadmissible statement is a compelling ground for closing the preliminary hearing," Haddon said.

Bryant's attorneys did not return calls seeking additional comment.

The defense bid to have Bryant's accuser testify during the hearing will probably be rejected by Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett, legal experts say. Such hearings typically require only bare-bones evidence against the defendant for a judge to order a trial.

Stan Goldman, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, said the hearing has little value for Bryant's attorneys unless the accuser testifies.

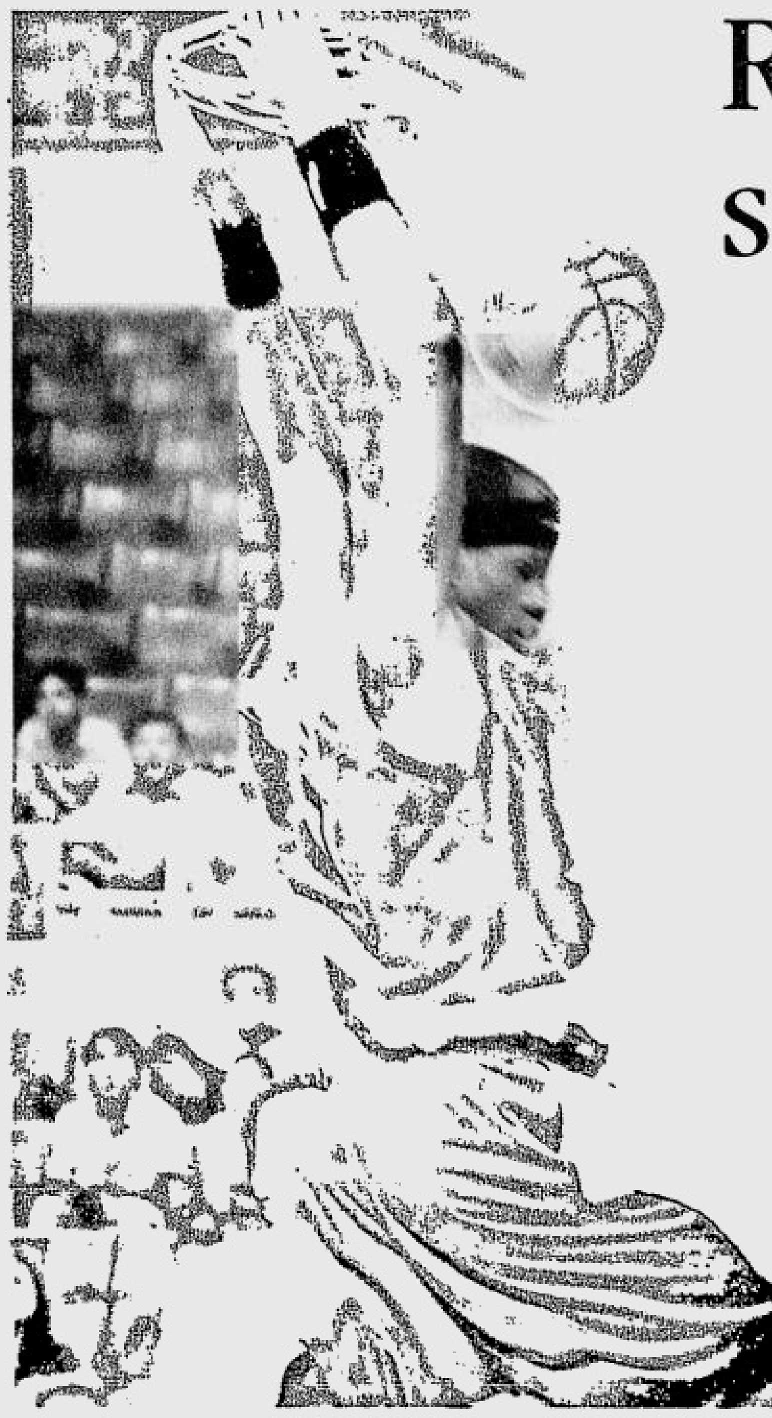
"You can't cross-examine a piece of paper that the detective will be reading from," Goldman said.

Earlier Friday, Bryant's accuser joined prosecutors in asking the judge to throw out the defense subpoena seeking her testimony. Attorney John Clune said his client does not want to testify and he said the defense in Colorado criminal cases has no right to compel testimony from alleged victims during preliminary hearings.

Clune and District Attorney Mark Hurlbert are also trying to block attempts by Bryant's attorneys to obtain the woman's medical records.

Flannigan also said the defense sent out new subpoenas this week—to the Vail police department, Eagle County sheriff's office, the Best Western Eagle Lodge and the Resource Center of Eagle County, which operates a crisis hot line. *AP*

Reavis-Dela Cruz starts one-on-one



GANGLING Coca-Cola slotman Rafi Reavis takes on Anthony dela Cruz of Shell at the start of the Philippine Basketball Association King of the Court One-on-One tournament today at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Reavis-Dela Cruz showdown fires off hostilities in the Commissioner's Division of the revived two-division side event that puts premium on the players' individual skills in a knockout setting.

To be played in between league doubleheaders in five-minute games with an 18-second shot-clock, the tournament features 20 of the league's most talented players in a battle for the P150,000 top prize staked in two brackets.

Joining Reavis and Dela Cruz in the Commissioner's Division for players 6-foot-4 and over are Red Bull's Davonn Harp, Jun Limpot of Ginebra, Alaska's Don Allado, Talk 'N Text's Asi Taulava, Purefoods' Kerby Raymundo, Yancy de Ocampo of FedEx, Sta. Lucia's Dennis Espino and San Miguel Beer's Danny Ildefonso.

Ginebra star Mark Caguioa meets Shell's Chris Calaguio on Wednesday to kick off play in Governors' Division (for players below 6-foot-4), where they are joined by FedEx's Gherome Ejercito, Sta. Lucia's Francis Adriano, Alaska's Brandon Cablay, San Miguel's Joey Mente, Purefoods' Rey Evangelista, Coke's Jeffrey Cariaso, TNT's Jimmy Alapag and Red Bull's Willie Miller.

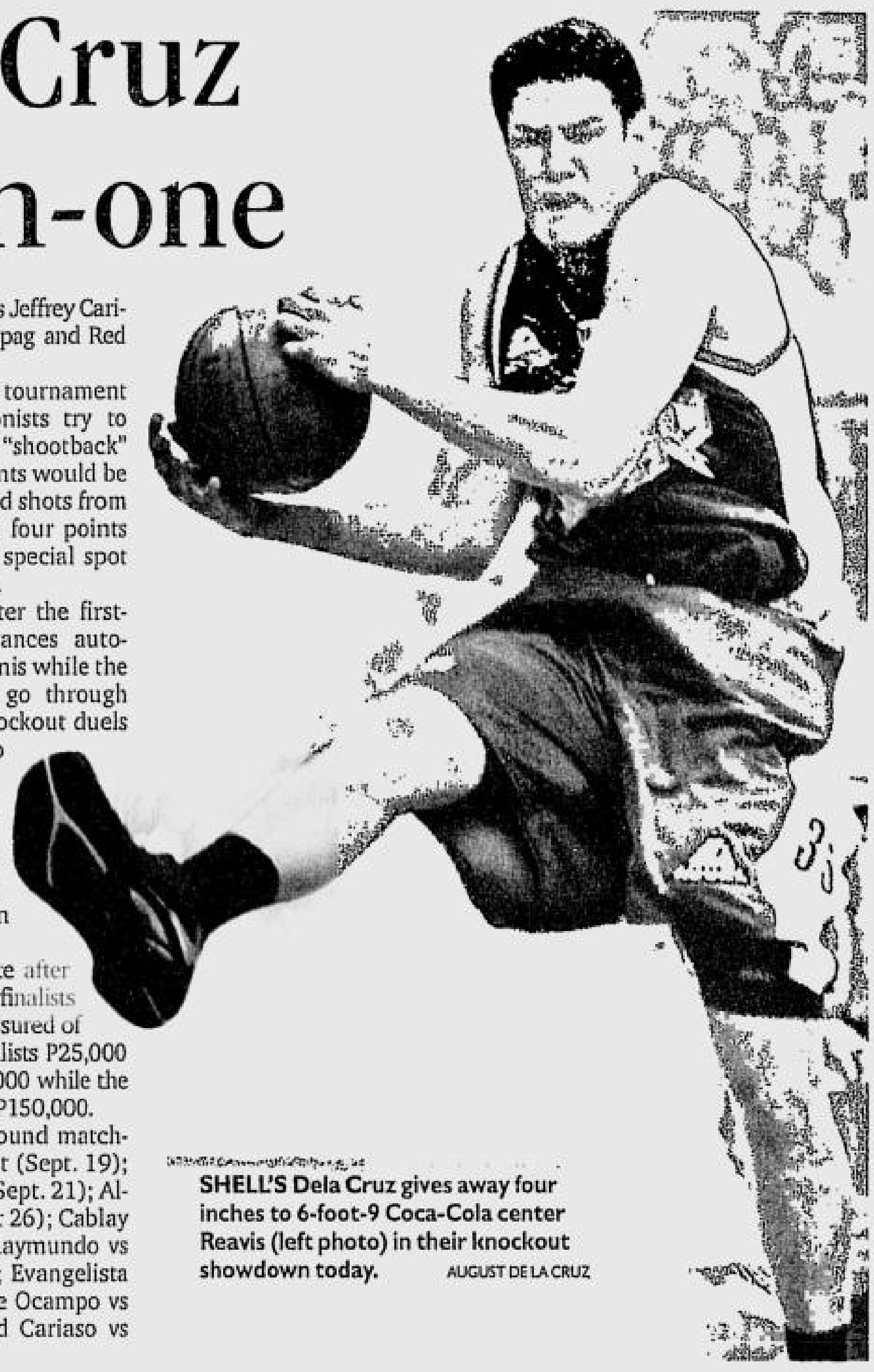
Under the novel tournament format, the protagonists try to oust each other in a "shootback" duel where three points would be awarded to dunks and shots from beyond the arc, and four points for shots made in a special spot 28 feet from the goal.

The top scorer after the first-round matches advances automatically into the semis while the four other winners go through another round of knockout duels to determine the two other semifinalists.

The two players with the best records at the end of round-robin play in the semis meet in the finals.

Cash prizes escalate after each round. Quarterfinalists in each division are assured of P10,000, the semifinalists P25,000 and the finalists P50,000 while the winners brings home P150,000.

Succeeding first-round matches pit Harp vs Limpot (Sept. 19); Ejercito vs Adriano (Sept. 21); Allado vs Taulava (Sept 26); Cablay vs Mente (Oct. 3); Raymundo vs Ildefonso (Sept. 28); Evangelista vs Miller (Oct. 5); De Ocampo vs Espino (Oct. 1); and Cariaso vs Alapag (Oct. 8).



SHELL'S Dela Cruz gives away four inches to 6-foot-9 Coca-Cola center Reavis (left photo) in their knockout showdown today. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

Bata leads US Open 9-ball cast

EFREN "Bata" Reyes and Francisco "Django" Bustamante head a strong Philippine contingent to the 28th Annual US Open 9-ball championship from Sept. 15-21 at the Chesapeake Conference Center, Chesapeake in Virginia, USA.

REYES

BUSTAMANTE

Around 250 pool masters, including defending champion Ralf "Kaiser" Souquet of Germany, are expected to compete in the event offering $180,000 in total prizes.

Joining Reyes, a billiards Hall-of-Famer, and Bustamante, the 2002 Player of the Year who topped last month's $50,000 winner-take all match International Challenge of Champions in Connecticut, USA, are AZ Billiards Rookie of the Year Ronnie "Calamba" Alcano (7th place in the 2002 edition), Santos Sambajon (9th place), Rodolfo "Boy Samson" Luat (17th place), Canada-base Edwin Montal (17th place) and Jose "Amang" Parica (25th place), who beat Reyes for the Pechauer 9-ball crown in Hollywood.

Other renowned cue artists entered are full-blooded Filipino Alex "The Lion" Pagulayan of Canada, the 2003 money list leader with earnings of $66,513 (P3.6 million), American Earl "The Pearl" Strickland and 2003 World Pool champion Thorsten Hohmann of Germany, who is bidding to improve on his 49th place finish in last year's US Open. *With a report from NM Marlon Bernardino*

Abalos, Buhain to grace Golf Show

COMELEC chair and Wack Wack president Ben Abalos, Philippine Sports Commission chair Eric Buhain, and National Golf Association of the Philippines president Rod Feliciano are the guests of honor in the opening rites of the 2003 Philippine International Golf Show on Sept. 26 at the SM Megatrade Hall in Mandaluyong City.

The event, organized annually by the Golf Distributors Association of the Philippines (GDAP) in coordination with exhibit manager Fairs & More, will feature product launches by the leading equipment and apparel distributors making up the core of more than 80 exhibitors.

Merchants of the golf industry get their latest products for public viewing and even testing by thousands of golfing enthusiasts who will visit the event sponsored this year by Berocca, Lexber Holidays Int'l., Continental Airlines, Pagcor and Bravo Restaurant.

GDAP president Gerald Raymundo and exhibit chair Nick Tuason said that it's all systems go not just for the exhibit proper but other side-events like the seminars to be conducted by the Philippine Turfgrass Association and the GDAP Invitational tournament.

The 18-hole tournament, serving as a prelude to the Show on Sept. 22 at the Sta. Elena Golf Club in Cabuyao, Laguna, counts Coca-Cola, Immuvit and Del Monte Phils. among its sponsors.

The exhibitors:

Acro Golf, Aetna Enterprises, Ayala Greenfield, BCS (Registration Provider), Besa's Shoes, Bio Power Int'l, Corp., Bravo Restaurant, Casino Filipino, City Golf Development, Collins International Trading, Continental Airlines, CPM Golf Corp., Direct Link Slazenger, ECI-Callaway, Formost Turf Equipment, G&W Clubshares, Gainer's Marketing, GG&A Clubshares, Golf Gallery, Golf House, Golf Power, IGRI Industries, Kart Plaza, Lexber Holidays, Makati Golf Club, Master Sports, Philippine Turfgrass Association, Progear Golf, Roche (Berocca), Sage Corp., Sovis Trading Int'l, adidas Taylor Made, The Golfers Club, W.Eagle, WS Sports, Yoyo Holidays Travel Service Phils.

Double-bogey derails Miñoza rally

A DOUBLE-bogey on the last hole derailed Frankie Miñoza's hot rally yesterday and the Filipino settled for a share of eighth place going into the last round of the Suntory Open in Chiba, Japan.

Miñoza was close behind the leaders in fifth place with an even-par card until the big mishap on the 18th that left him with a two-over 73 and a 213 aggregate at the Chiba Country Club.

The Filipino star stood six strokes off Jyoti Randhawa of India who birdied the last hole for a 71-207.

MIÑOZA

Miñoza, making a steady rise in the money list where he's now ranked 66th, remained ahead of American star Phil Mickelson who turned in his best score in three days of 71 and jumped to 32nd place at 217.

Meanwhile, Gerald Rosales was the only Filipino to survive the cut in the Mercuries Masters in Taiwan after he scored a 75 to share 31st place.

Rosales' 147 aggregate for 36 holes at the Taiwan Golf and Country Club, however, left him nine strokes behind Tongchai Jaidee of Thailand going into the last two rounds. Jaide shot a 70 for 138 and a one-shot lead over Li Wen-Ko (69).

Danny Zarate missed the cut by a mere stroke with his 74-148 while Angelo Que, weighed down by a disastrous 80 at the start, wound up at 154. *Jong Arcano*

Asistio 2nd in KL Asean jungolf

TONTON Asistio came through with a strong second place finish against older rivals in the just-concluded 100 Plus Asean junior golf championships at the Saujana Golf and Country Club course in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Asistio barely missed winning his second international title this year after the Temecula Open in the US, when he lost by just two strokes to Singaporean Choo with his rounds of 75-72-75.

"He could have easily won it, if not for the two double-bogeys he made in the second round. It was a good showing for Tonton considering that he went up against older players," said delegation head Gerry Handog.

Terence Macatangay wound up seventh with his scores of 82-76-77, Marlo Capinianes (87-86-80) was 20th, Quironi Baterna (85-89-81) placed 26th, Fabregas (83-87-84) 24th and Jan Coup Tambogon (85-86-87) finished 30th.

Meanwhile, Gio and Bambee dela Paz led their respective divisions after the first round of the Samsung Jungolf Tour school season monthly tournament at the Canlubang Golf and Country Club.

Gio scored an 84 to pull away by 32 strokes over James Hong in boys Class A while Bambee paced girls Class B with a 95. The other division leaders were Vruno Villanueva in boys Class B, Ernest Platon in boys Class C, Cyna Marie Rodriguez in girls Class C, JR Gonzales in boys Class D and Andrea Legaspi in girls Class D.

SPORTS noodle

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- ☐ out

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How high, in feet, is the net at its center?
- ☐ Four
- ☐ Five
- ☐ Six

4 > 10 Pts.

As for the court itself, it is how many feet long?
- ☐ 40
- ☐ 44
- ☐ 50

5 > 20 Pts.

When and where was badminton first played as an official Olympic sport?
- ☐ 1964 - Tokyo
- ☐ 1976 - Montreal
- ☐ 1984 - Los Angeles
- ☐ 1992 - Barcelona

6 > 25 Pts.

The world men's badminton championships is known as the Thomas Cup. What about for women?
- ☐ Sudirman Cup
- ☐ Corbillon Cup
- ☐ Uber Cup
- ☐ Swaythling Cup

7 > 30 Pts.

Name the 19th-century nobleman who introduced the sport to royalty at his country estate in Gloucestershire, England, called Badminton House, after which the modern game got its name.

ANSWERS/ A28

BACK-TO-BACK STAGING

Palaro, Minda games sked finalized

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THE PALARONG Pambansa and the Mindanao Friendship Games won't be held in the same week after all.

The Philippine Sports Commission announced yesterday that the MFG would be held on Oct. 19-24 in Mati, Davao Oriental, and the Palaro on Oct. 25-29 in Tubod, Lanao del Norte.

The PSC added that officials of Davao Oriental and Lanao del Norte have approved the new schedule which is expected to put the entire Mindanao region in the sporting limelight for 11 days.

PSC chair Eric Buhain has yet to present the new schedule to the Department of Education but it is expected to be approved by the DepEd regional directors, who handle the preparation of the regional contingents.

ARROYO

Lanao del Norte Gov. Imelda Quibranza-Dimaporo, who had earlier asked that the Oct. 5-12 schedule for the Palaro be moved to a later date, said she is amenable to the new dates since they fall during the semestral break, thereby allowing more student-athletes to compete.

BUHAIN

Holding the two sportsfests back-to-back would also cut the operational cost of of the events according to PSC spokesman Arsenic Lacson.

The thrice-postponed Palaro will be held at the Mindanao Civic Center, which boasts of new and world-class facilities.

DIMAPORO

The PSC has already started allocating the budget for the regions from the P40 million fund provided by President Arroyo through her Presidential Social Fund and the General Appropriations Act.

The MFG, an open tournament which began in 2001 also in Tubod, will serve as appetizer for the Palaro, the annual sportsfest among elementary and high school athletes.

Lanao del Norte administrative officer Jesus Tubio said the billeting areas are now ready for occupants, while the roads going to Tubod have been spruced up in preparation for the arrival of the expected 5,000 student-athletes.

Security has also been tightened although the threat of violence has disappeared following the resumption of peace talks between the government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

AXE REVS UP THE PARTY MODE

The Porsche AXE-perience promo paints the town red with series of bar tours

AXE, together with Monster Radio RX 93.1, brought the "Porsche AXE-perience" to the vibe of Manila's night-life, giving guys a sneak peak of what could be their own sports car - a sleek black Porsche Boxster, dubbed as "the world-wide synonym for sports-car".

With the Porsche Boxster on board a roving truck, car aficionados were able to check out the sportscar up-close while people partied with the alluring AXE ladies at the most happening nightspots around the metropolis. Among the many bars toured by AXE were Aruba Bar in Libis, Ratsky in Tomas Morato, Temple Bar at Greenbelt 2 and V Bar in Glorietta.

Each of the hot spots toured was jam-packed as AXE treated all partygoers to a huge blowout with free drinks and lots of freebies. Premium Porsche-Axe prizes and special giveaways were given out throughout the night as AXE-citing games were played. All these happenings were held as AXE revs up for the grand draw of the hottest promo this season - "The Porsche AXExperience", which will be held on October 12!

So speed up for more fun and join the AXE-perience promo. The promo is open to all men between the ages of 18-35. Simply enclose in an envelope two (2) stickered caps of any of your favorite Axe variant - Dimension, Phoenix, Gravity, Energy and Africa. At the back of the envelope, print your name, address, age, contact numbers and affix your signature. Answer the question: "What are the five (5) fragrances of Axe Deo-Cologne?" Deadline of entries is on September 18, 2003. Drive home that sports car that's driving everyone crazy!

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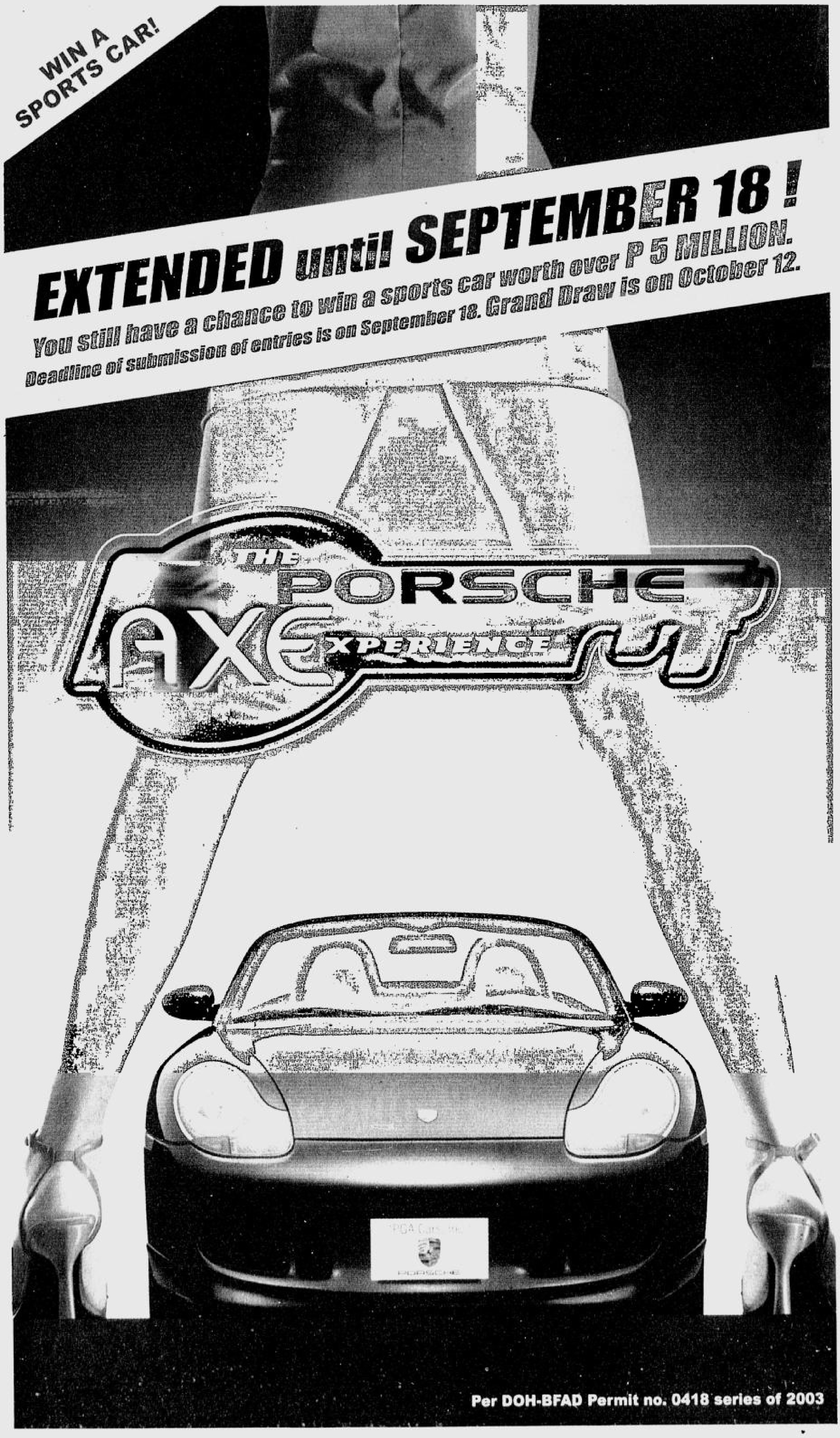
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SPORTSWATCH

Montoya still fastest in Monza

MONZA, Italy—Juan Pablo Montoya continued to prove faster than reigning world champion Michael Schumacher in Saturday's final practice session for the Italian Grand Prix. The BMW-Williams driver from Colombia covered the 5.793-km (3.6-mile) Monza circuit in 1 minute, 21.468 seconds. Schumacher was second fastest in his Ferrari in 1:21.586. Heading into Sunday's race, Schumacher holds a one-point lead ahead of Montoya in the driver's standings. Kimi Raikkonen of Finland is two points behind Schumacher. Schumacher's younger brother, Ralf, pulled out of the race on Saturday morning because he felt unfit from a crash in practice last week. *AP*

Germany uses Beckham shoe

BERLIN—Promising to link culture, friendship and soccer, Germany launched its 2006 World Cup program Saturday with a gospel choir, break dance group and David Beckham's soccer shoe. The English player's shoe was part of a multimedia display inside a huge 20-m (66-ft) soccer ball erected at the Brandenburg Gate, which transforms into an illuminated globe by night. Friday's ceremonies marked 1,000 days until the 2006 World Cup kicks off. Germany plans to spend 30 million euros (US$33 million) in the run-up to the opening match on events that combine culture and soccer. "We want to show games that fill people with enthusiasm, but we also want to show a Germany open to the world. We want to be a good host to the world," said German chancellor Gerhard Schroeder. Franz Beckenbauer, head of the World Cup organizing committee, and Fifa president Sepp Blatter were also present at the ceremonies at the Brandenburg Gate, which drew about 500 spectators. *AP*

19 teams joining Go-for-Goal elims

DAVAO CITY—Nineteen school-based teams will compete in the first ever city qualifying tournament of the "Coke Go-For-Goal Under-16" eliminations here on Sunday afternoon at the new Agro Football field. Philippine Football Federation (PFF) President Rene Adad, executive vice president Johnny Romualdez, PSC Commissioner Leon Montemayor and M'lang Vice Mayor Joselito Piñol will be the guests of honor. The 19 teams are bracketed into four groups and will play a cup-type match. The top two teams in each bracket will advance to the quarterfinals. University of Mindanao High School will play against Crossing Bayabas National High School at 2 p.m. right after the opening ceremonies. It will be followed by the game between Emar Learning Center and the Holy Child School of Davao-Mintal at 3:30 p.m.

Joselle d.R. Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau

White gunning for sprint double

MONTE CARLO, Monaco—American sprinter Kelli White, under investigation for testing positive for a minor stimulant at the Paris worlds, will attempt a sprint double at the inaugural World Athletics Final this weekend, the sport's governing body said Friday. White was originally only entered in the 100 m in Monaco. "Kelli White is scheduled to run in both 100 and 200 meters," IAAF spokesperson Nick Davis told The Associated Press by telephone. White tested positive for modafinil after winning the 100 m at the World Championships on Aug. 24, and four days later won the 200 m. She set personal best times in both races. Because modafinil is considered a minor stimulant, the IAAF did not suspend White. She won the 100 m at a Golden League meeting in Brussels on Sept. 5. *AP*

Autosports Foundation launched

THE NEWLY organized Philippine Formula Autosports Foundation hosted a premier of the film "2 Fast 2 Furious" Sept. 10 at the Premier THX Cinema at the Mile Long along Amorsolo Street in Makati. The premier served as the soft launch of the foundation, which according to its chairman Tom Pastor "is a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to fulfilling the dream of the emerging next generation, which is to develop racing talent who will figure prominently in premier international racing series such as F1." Its main objective is to develop and place a Filipino driver in Formula One through the "Road to F1 Project." Interested parties can call the Secretariat of the Philippine Formula Autosports Foundation at 8455-1302 or log on to www.f1dream.com.ph or www.teamtecpilipinas.com for more information.

4-stag tilt at Mandaluyong Coliseum

SPORTING a new look and now under new management, the Mandaluyong Coliseum reopens on Sept. 23 simultaneous with a big 4-stag derby. The new coliseum operator is Jun Topacio, a veteran derbyist whose line of fighters came from Louisiana and Kentucky, USA. Topacio also handled the Cainta Fair Center Coliseum in 1995. Guaranteed prize is P500,000 while entry fee is P12,000. The winning handler/gaffer gets P50,000. Stags banded by groups like Ucap, Igba, Migba, NGBA, GFBAN and LGBA will be accepted. Submission of weights is on Sept. 22, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Interested parties may contact Jun or Goody at numbers 534-4110 and 532-2650.

LGBA goes to Roligon Cockpit

THE LUZON Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA), a solid group of 130 prominent breeders based in Luzon, will hold the 1st LGBA 7—Stag Derby at the Roligon Mega Cockpit on Oct. 21, 23 and 25. LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz said all four LGBA stagfests will be staged at Roligon after an agreement with cockpit owner Rolly Ligon was formalized last week. Sponsors are Washout Shampoo and Pitfighter Feeds from Lakpue Drug, Thunderbird Enertone, Amtyl 500, Supremo Pellets and Strike Power Pellets. Other LGBA derbies are scheduled on Nov. 4, 6 and 8 (second leg); Nov. 11 and 13 (third leg), and No. 18 and 20 (championship). Interested parties may contact Roligon at 833-2275 or 833-1638 or LGBA secretariat (911-8969).

PEACE Chess resumes Sept. 27

THE SEVENTH leg of the 2003 Philippine Executive Active Chess Express or PEACE 2003 gets underway at 1 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the Land Bank Plaza in Malate, Manila. The monthly event caters to executives and licensed professionals whose passion for the game has kept burning despite the busy rudiments of their corporate lives. To them, PEACE is not just a mere escape from the harsh realities of the office jungle, but a different yet relaxing venue to network, forge business relationships or just simply socialize. Executives and professionals who want to join the event, contact the Acca at 892-8759. PEACE 2003 is organized by the Active Chess Center of Asia (Acca) with the support of Belgosa Media Systems Inc. and Land Bank of the Philippines.

Fistorama championship on RPN 9

SAMSUNG's Fistorama today features the Paba lightflyweight championship between champion Marvin Tampos and challenger Kaichen Sor Vorapin of Thailand. The fight was held last week in Ormoc City. Samsung's Fistorama is aired weekly in United States, Australia, Japan, the Middle East and soon in Europe through ABS-CBN's Pinoy Central TV. Now on its second year, the show will be aired today at 3 p.m. on RPN 9. Fistorama is backed by Samsung Electronics Phils. Corp. and Cebu Pacific.

TRUCK CHALLENGE
Isuzu Philippines-Sta.Rosa Technopark will be the major backer of the 3rd Tough Truck Challenge slated on Nov. 28-30 at the Fort Bonifacio Global City. The organizing Manila Off-Roaders Inc. (Mori), led by its president Brian Diaz (second from left) and treasurer Ramon To-Ong (left) are shown signing the sponsorship agreement with Isuzu corporate affairs assistant department manager Myrna Gonzales (3rd from left) and Annie Lasaten, special events supervisor.

YEAR'S BIGGEST BOUT

De la Hoya risks ti

LAS VEGAS—Oscar de la Hoya was sitting in his 29th-floor suite overlooking the Las Vegas Strip, cuddling his Yorkshire terrier on his lap.

"Kind of a wussy dog," someone said.

"Just like her owner," De la Hoya replied, laughing.

There was a time when some boxing fans might have agreed, particularly after De la Hoya danced around the last three rounds to give away a fight to Felix Trinidad four years ago.

To many, he was perceived as a pretty boy, someone more concerned with keeping his facial features intact than in punishing opponents.

Not any more. When De la Hoya fights a rematch Saturday night with Shane Mosley he'll enter the ring with a nastiness that never before was part of the Golden Boy formula.

It came out in a savage knockout of Fernando Vargas last year, possibly the biggest win of his career. Now De la Hoya vows Saturday's fight (Sunday morning in Manila) will be quite different from his loss to Mosley at 67 kilograms (147 pounds) three years ago.

"If he thinks he's going to face the same fighter, he's got another thing coming," De la Hoya said. "I'm very, very motivated for this fight."

De la Hoya, 30, risks his WBC and WBA 70-kg (154-lb) titles in a fight that quickly sold out the MGM Grand Hotel arena and shapes up as the biggest bout of the year. But there's a lot more at stake for De la Hoya than gaudy plastic belts.

If he wins, he'll settle a score that still irritates him, bank $20 million or so, and look for bigger and better things, possibly against middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins.

If he loses, though, De la Hoya says his remarkable career will be over.

"I've trained so hard for this fight, like never before," De la Hoya said. "If I lost the way I am now, what's the motivation? Why am I in the sport? Yes, I will retire if I lose."

Oddsmakers don't figure that will happen, making De la Hoya a 2-1 pick.

Both fighters weighed in Friday at the class limit of 70 kg (154 pounds).

"This is going to be a very competitive fight," De la Hoya said. "I'm expecting the toughest fight of my career."

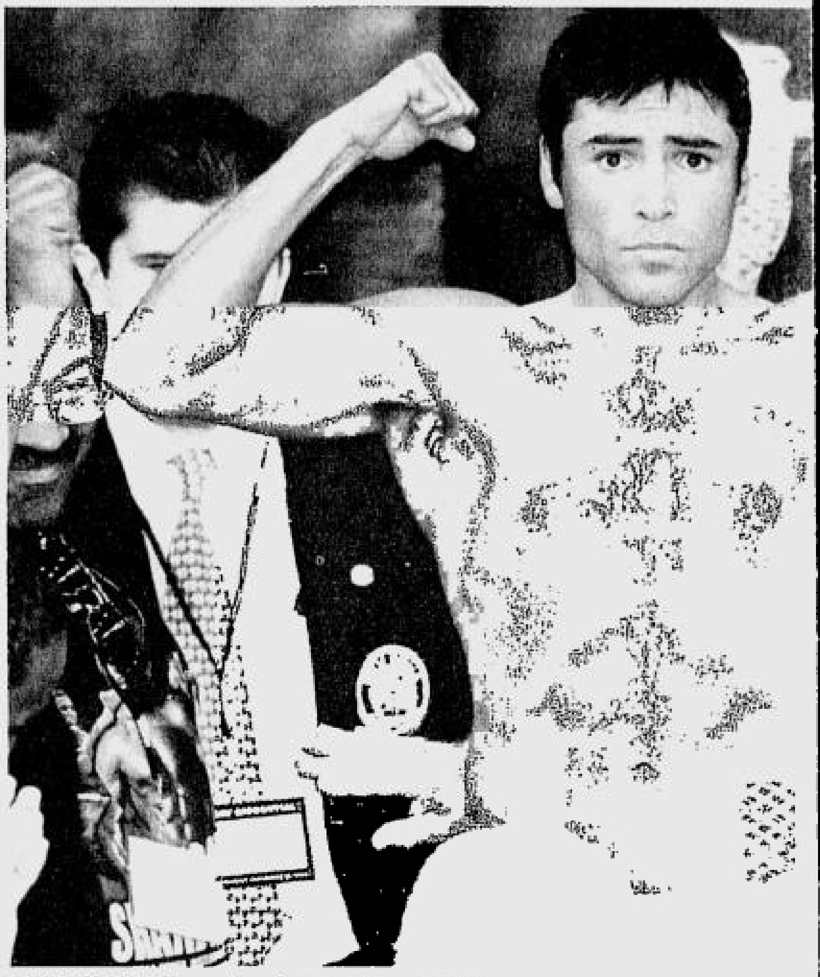
That's exactly what Mosley gave him the first time, using his speed to frustrate De la Hoya and then outslugging him in the late rounds to win a split decision.

Mosley sees much the same thing happening again, while conceding that De la Hoya is bigger and throws punches with more intent these days.

"I can read his power shots, and I know when he's going to throw his right hand," Mosley said. "His whole thing is for me to come to him so he can throw his combinations like he did with Vargas and (Yory Boy) Campas. I'm not a flat-footed fighter, and I'm not going to do that."

A lot has changed since Mosley upset De la Hoya. *AP*

VIVA Sports will telecast the De La Hoya-Mosley fight from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. today on RPN-9.



DE LA HOYA: I've trained so hard for this fight.

Pinoy boxers kn

By Rey Danseco
Contributor

PHILIPPINE Boxing Federation (PBF) minimumweight champion Jun Arlos and superfeatherweight Renato Inal knocked out their Indonesian rivals in Jakarta recently.

Arlos, a former International Boxing Federation (IBF) minimumweight t challenger from the Dante Almario S ble in Muntinlupa City, showed why is the best 105-lb campaigner in PBF by stopping Bayu Anggoro round 5 before a huge crowd at R Compound in Jakarta last Tuesday.

The victory was Arlos' sec straight on Indon soil, a feat match

Dream's Oscar presentation

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BERNARD Hopkins made Felix Trinidad retire when Hopkins scored the unthinkable: Beat the unbeaten Trinidad a while back. Trinidad was one of only two boxers who had whipped Oscar De La Hoya; the other was Sugar Shane Mosley.

All four are great boxers.

Except for Trinidad, the three are still around.

Calling a boxer great is the highest honor one can bestow a prizefighter. It is a word so important to, if not endearingly coveted by, a boxer. It's the tag he'll treasure most long after he has retired. You ask Muhammad Ali who he is and—Parkinson's disease and all—he'll say, "I am the greatest!"

A boxer's brilliant record will always be his lasting proof of greatness. More than their shining records, Hopkins, Trinidad, De La Hoya and Mosley—all have what it takes to be called great.

This morning, De La Hoya and Mosley will fight at the MGM Grand Hotel arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, for the 154-lb title. The bout will be telecast live starting at 9:30 a.m. over Dream TV's Channel 42, according to Dream's Wilbur and Janine (Jayme).

De La Hoya, 30, is to defend his welterweight titles in the World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association in a fight that could either end or extend the career of the Golden Boy of boxing.

"I've trained so hard for this fight, like never before," said De La Hoya. "If I lost the way I am now, what's the motivation? Why am I in the sport? Yes, I will retire if I lose."

Brave, fighting words. What can I say?

De La Hoya might retire if he gets knocked out in a most savage way, which isn't farfetched considering Mosley's awesome record of 36 knockouts in his 40-2 win-loss mark.

Besides, after losing to Trinidad on points on Sept. 12, 1999, De La Hoya suffered only his second defeat when he lost to Mosley by split decision in 2000.

Boxers are the proudest of athletes. If they lose on points, they don't usually consider that a defeat. At times, they even question the veracity of a knockout. "That KO was just the result of a lucky punch," they'd reason out.

In today's fight, the pressure indeed is on De La Hoya. Reason: Mosley is the only boxer who has beaten De La Hoya twice—as an amateur and as a professional. Nobody's ever done that to De La Hoya, whose well-chiseled face makes him the most handsome boxer today.

But while boxing is a world of cruel reality, it is also a world of supreme irony.

De La Hoya is 0-2 (win-loss) against Mosley but he remains a 2-1 favorite in today's fight scheduled for 12 rounds.

Mosley has the better knockout percentage and yet, he is the underdog against De La Hoya today.

But if there's one thing going today for Mosley, who is chasing a third weight class title, it is that he seems to have a parallel life with his fellow greats both nicknamed "Sugar"—Sugar Ray Robinson and Sugar Ray Leonard.

On his 31st year, Robinson moved up from the welterweight division and won the middleweight crown by defeating the legendary Jake LaMotta in 1951. The movie Raging Bull depicted the life of LaMotta, who was portrayed by Robert de Niro.

A month before his 31st birthday, Leonard shocked the world when he moved up to the middleweight division and beat Marvin Hagler to win the 160-lb crown in 1987. Leonard scored the stunner with big help from trainer Angelo Dundee, the same man who trained Ali.

Mosley, born in Big Bear, California, turned 31 last Jan. 27. He is set to pocket $4.5 million, and an extra $500,000 from De La Hoya's purse following another Mosley victory. This is Mosley's biggest paycheck thus far.

The De La Hoya-Mosley fight today reminds me of the Hopkins-Trinidad fight of two years or so ago.

In that fight, Trinidad, unbeaten and the toast of world boxing, was the heavy favorite. Hopkins, an ex-convict whose talent had been unkindly labeled suspect, stopped him.

De La Hoya, despite the two defeats to Mosley, is in the same boat when Trinidad fought Hopkins. Oscar's the favorite.

But unlike in the Trinidad-Hopkins fight in which I picked underdog Hopkins to win—thank God, my crystal ball didn't fail me or Gerard Cantada would by now have dumped me as a friend—I pick the favorite in today's fight: De La Hoya. I still feel strongly that his losses on points to both Trinidad and Mosley were too close to call.

A friendly bet goes with it.

"Mosley will still be it." It's Valentin Dakuykoy, my legman, making me an offer.

Make that a plate of seafood pancit at Peter Lee's. Spiced with ampalaya, that bitter gourd.

DECEMBER FIGHT

Espinosa eyes 3rd world crown

LUISITO Espinosa shoots for a distinction no Filipino or Asian boxer has achieved or even attempted.

Come December, he will strike for a third world title in a third weight division in the third decade of his career.

He'll go for it at the Luneta Grandstand in Rizal Park where he successfully defended his WBC featherweight title twice against tough Mexican challengers.

Espinosa, now 36, targets this time the IBO junior lightweight title held by South African Cassius Baloyi.

A former IBU featherweight king, Baloyi won all his first 26 bouts, 14 of them by knockout, until countryman Philip Ndou upset him in their battle for the IBU catchweight championship two years back.

The lean, rangy Espinosa is deep in training under his American trainer Dee Pooler who feels confident about his fighter's chances against Baloyi in their duel set on Dec. 13.

Espinosa still has his Sunday punch. He finished off Mexican Juan Antonio Perez in just one round in his last fight held in April at the Oakland Coliseum. Pooler also has been impressed by Espinosa's no-nonsense attitude in his daily workouts at his favorite gym at the Fairtex in Daly City.

A tuneup meeting with a foe has been scheduled for Espinosa late in October and he is expected to be in Manila by the second or third week of November.

Espinosa stepped into world prominence as a bantamweight, knocking out Thai idol Khaokor Galaxy in the first round on Oct. 19, 1989 to win the WBA bantamweight crown to the dismay of a packed highly partisan crowd in Bangkok. He was managed then by Hermie Rivera, father of his current chief handler, Noel Rivera.

Espinosa lost his bantamweight title on Oct. 19, 1991 to Venezuelan Israel Contreras at the Araneta Coliseum mainly because of his difficulty in making the weight limit.

After that loss, the Filipino champion moved a step up the ladder. In 1996, he won the WBC featherweight title from Mexican Manuel Medina at the Korakuen Hall in Tokyo.

In 1999 in El Paso, Texas, Espinosa lost his world featherweight crown to Mexican Cesar Sotto in a disputed decision. The fight was later referred to as the greatest robbery ever in the American West.

In slambang bouts billed as the Battle of Manila Bay I and II at the Luneta Grandstand, Espinosa successfully defended his featherweight title twice. He had a comfortable unanimous decision in his first title defense against Cesar Sotto. And in a rematch with Medina, he won by technical decision. He was ahead on points when the referee stopped the bout in the eighth round because of ugly cuts Espinosa suffered from Medina's repeated headbutting.

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MOSLEY: I can read his power shots.

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by Inal who demolished lightweight campaigner Hara Parulian in just the first round.

Inal, who lost to Bobby Pacquiao in their clash for the vacant Philippine superfeatherweight title last year, had earlier conquered previously unbeaten Indon light welterweight Willpare Jamhur by majority decision over 10 rounds in the same venue July 8.

Meanwhile, Zambales-based Zamboangueño RP featherweight champ Jeffrey Oñate (28-16-7, 15 KOs) and ex-World Boxing Union superbantam challenger Jaime Barcelona (19-20-1, 5 KOs) from Bukidnon both lost in separate fights in Japan last Sunday.

Oñate bowed to ex-Japanese feather champ and WBC No. 28 ranked Eiichi Sugama (26-3, 19 KOs) by technical knockout in 1:27 of the eighth round at Archaic Hall in Amagasaki.

Barcelona lost to unbeaten 5-foot-10 lefty Hisoka Kudo (14-0, 4 KOs) by the same verdict at 1:11 of the seventh round at Masukicho Gym in Kumamoto.

Ngo, Tan Ho subdue rivals, gain netfest second round

THIRD seed Gerard Michael Ngo whipped Juan Fidel Regis, 6-0, 6-1, and No. 5 Joshua Tan Ho blasted Aldrin Fajardo, 6-0, 6-0, yesterday to reach the boys' 14-under second round of the Futures Foundation Age-Group Tennis Cup at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

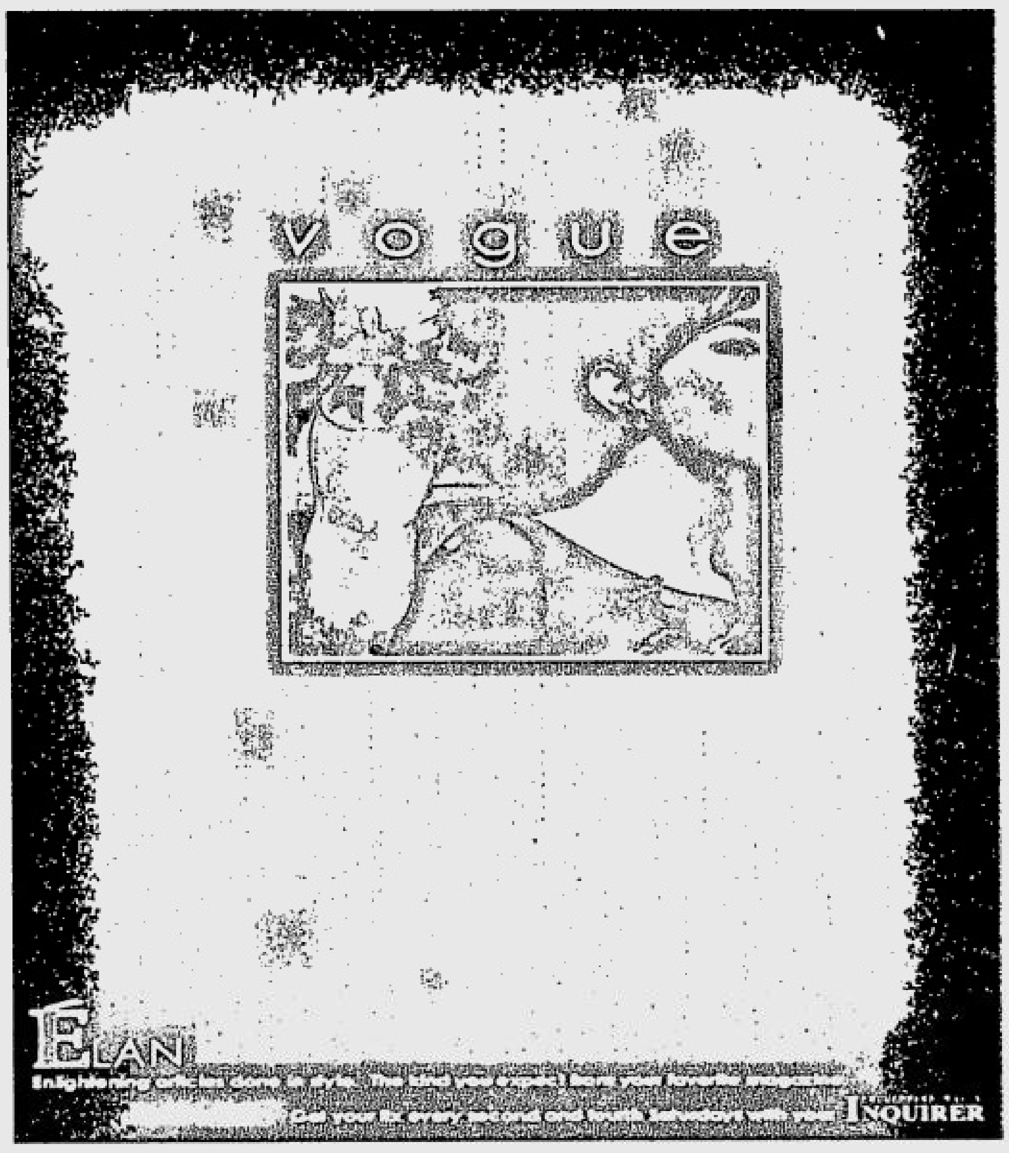
Also advancing were Patrick Arevalo, Johnwill Baldonado, Homer Paolo Perez, Jose Lorenzo Opulencia, Kim Ivor Saraza, Shiv Hiranand, Alvin Manalastas and Luis Mercado.

First-round winners in the boys' 12-under category were Kyle Cordero over Kerwin Tiu, 6-0, 6-0, Juan Pocholo Macalino over Regis, 6-3, 6-3 and Kim Ivor Saraza over John Allan Quinatadcan, 6-0,6-3.

In the girls' 16-under division, Michelle Pang downed Nikki Manalo, 6-3, 6-3, to join Jessica Agra, Denise Culaba, Julie Em Botor and Trudy Amoranto in the next round.

Booking second-round slots in the 14-under class were Zhane Quitara, who beat Martina Rivera, 6-2, 7-5, and Sarah Jane Lim who clobbered Isobelle Culaba, 6-1, 6-2.

Other winners were Judy Em Botor over Abigail Neri, 6-3, 6-3, Irina Quinatadcan over Mary Grace Rivero, 6-3, 6-2 in the girls' 12-under category while Kerwin Tiu, Ino Canlas and JV Custodio advanced in the unisex 10-under second round.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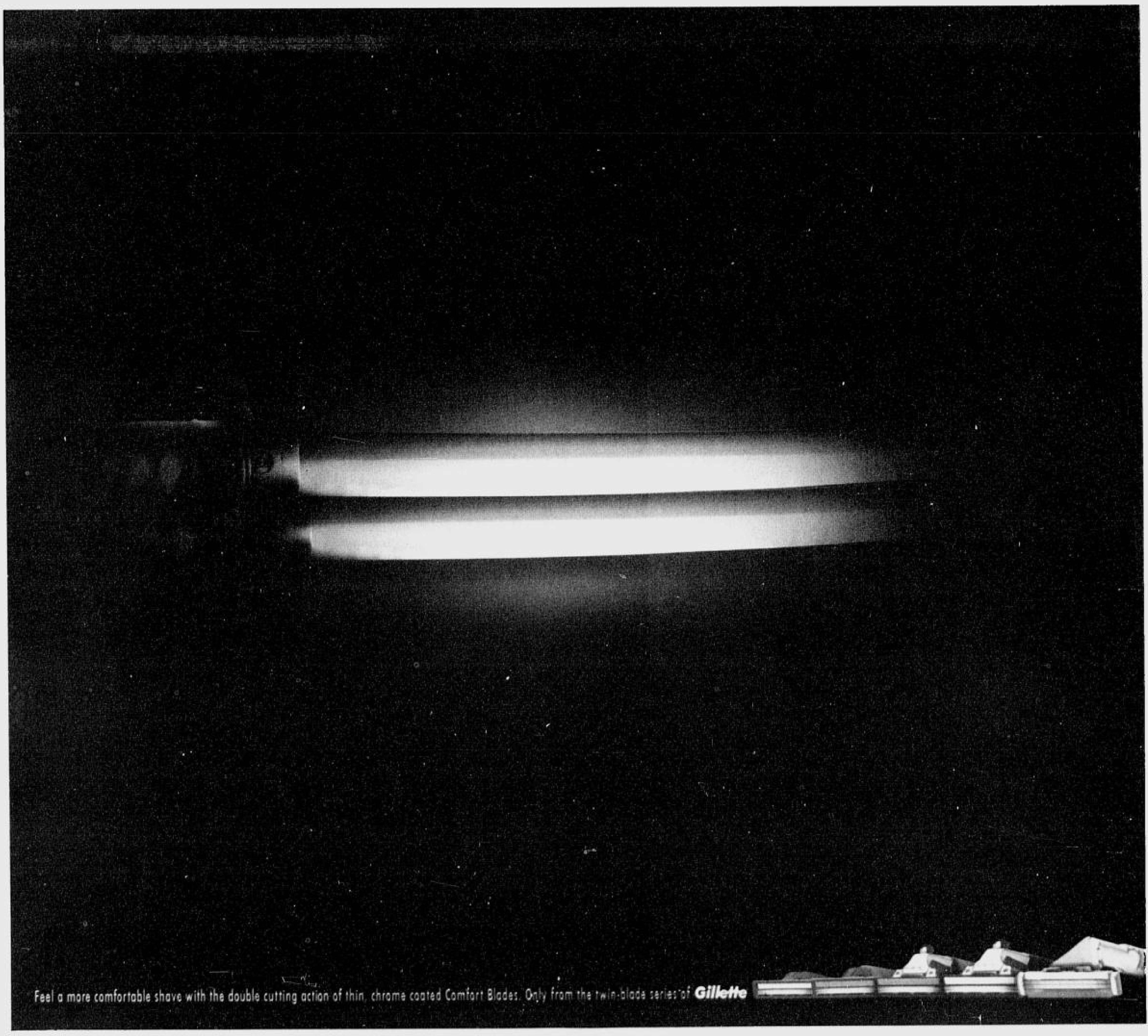
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The return of 'The King'

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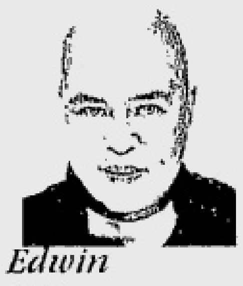

Edwin Villanueva

GOOD news to all Wind Blown fans!

The country's most famous galloper, nicknamed "The King" by *kareristas*, is now in deep training and will hopefully plunge back to action early next month.

According to my reliable *Silip Boy*, the Hermie Esguerra Stable's No. 1 residence is being prepared for three of the biggest races late this year—the Mitra Cup, Marho Breeders' Cup and the Presidential Gold Cup.

The Mitra Cup is slated in November, so the earliest the *bayang karerista* could see the two-time Horse of the Year awardee in action is, when he warms up for the said racefest a few weeks before its staging.

My *Silip Boy* said he watched Wind Blown in one of his early morning workouts at Santa Ana a few days back and told me that the horse is undoubtedly the biggest star among our present crop of runners.

"*Parang araw ng karera, sir.* Imagine *trangko lang ang daming taong nanonood. Pano pa kaya sa pagbalik nya?*" said my SB.

As for the *trangkos*, noted owner Hermie Esguerra and leading trainer Nestor Manalang have chosen student rider Lowie Balboa to partner Wind Blown.

But when Wind Blown finally returns to competition following a five-month layoff, we learned that it won't be ace rider Jesus Guce as earlier speculated who will be manning the reins but Jeffril Zarate.

Since Zarate impressed Esguerra after he engineered Last Hazm's stirring upset win over Don Paolo in the 1st leg of the Juvenile Colts Championship recently, the star jockey has become the HSE Stable's leading rider.

Wind Blown last saw action in the third First Gentleman Silver Cup last April and came in only fourth under Fernando Raquel, prompting Esguerra to give the horse a much-needed rest and think of a new jockey to partner with the towering Hazm-Wind in My Hair progeny.

At seven years and with a younger batch of challengers coming into the scene, does Wind Blown still pack his old, devastating form? Can he click with Zarate?

Subaybayan!

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The much-awaited Last Hazm-Don Paolo rematch will take place at the SLLP next week.

Fans are wondering why Last Hazm has not been getting any warm up run since he beat Don Paolo while the latter has had two tune-ups already.

That's very much the same scenario when they first collided with Last Hazm coming in from the maiden group still winless and Don Paolo already making waves with his sweepstakes victory.

With that as backdrop, expect the *bayang karerista* to watch in full force when the second leg of the Juvenile Colts Championship unfolds.

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Race 7--1. Mrs. Big 2. Suonos 3. Velocity 4. Endway 5. Silver Rose
Race 8--1. Neat Laurel 2. Crystal Show 3. You Know That 4. Jade Louise 5. Cosanne
Race 9--1. Kiss Me Quick 2. Blink and Wink 3. Fearless Vixen 4. Pana-Panahon 5. Hope
Race 10--1. Profit Master 2. Golden Moment 3. Golden Lance 4. Better King 5. Peek A Boo
Race 11--1. Sandata 2. Propensity 3. Chairman of D Board 4. Well Noted 5. Hazitmade
Race 12--1. Galapagos 2. Classic Royale 3. Fortissimo 4. Brointe 5. Elusive Quality
Race 13--1..Words of Joy 2. Latin Music 3. Pep Talk 4. Winning Post 5. Sand Splash 6. Saint Michael

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Imports, top jockeys take spotlight today

A BATTLE between local racing's top imports and premier jockeys take the spotlight today at the Santa Ana Park as they headline Philippine Racing Club Inc.'s twin-bill stakes.

The major events today are 5th and penultimate leg of the 2003 Philracom Imported Stakes series for foreign-bred gallopers and the Philracom Invitational Race for Class A Jockeys.

Nine classy imports are set to compete in the P450,000.00 Imported Stakes.

They are veterans' Cosanne, You Know That and Jade Louise , as well as, promising campaigners Neat Laurel, Crystal Show, Footwear, Just Dance, Of Note and Revolting.

Hermie Esguerra's Neat Laurel, runner-up to Lyonnais in a recent imported group race, looms as the early favorite for the 1,600-meter event and faces a strong challenge from his stablemate and recent big winner Crystal Show.

Meanwhile, an exciting duel to the finish is expected to ensue in the featured Class A Jockeys Invitational, with no less than eight of the country's top riders competing for the premier spot in the 1,600-m race.

Among the Class A riders seeing action in the P400,000 event are Jonathan Hernandez, Patricio Dilema, Jeffril Zarate, Jeffrey Bacaycay, Elpidio Aguila, Herminio Dilema with newcomers Roderick Hipolito and Yeeson Bautista. They have been paired to ride Master Ijhay, Gemstone, My Preperido, Dandansoy, Material Maker, Bull Rider, Gifted Guest and Serena, in that order.

SOLHEIM CUP

Inkster, Daniel boost US bid

US team members Michele Redman (right) and Rosie Jones celebrate a point during the first day's play in the Solheim Cup. Redman and Jones won their four-ball match against Europeans Sophie Gustafson and Iben Tinning. REUTERS

LODDEKOPINGE, Sweden—Beth Daniel and Juli Inkster lived up to their Hall-of-Fame credentials by beating Europe's best tandem in a match which turned the Americans' fortunes Friday in the Solheim Cup.

Daniel and Inkster, a combined 89 years old, birdied four of the last seven holes for a 1-up victory over Annika Sorenstam and Carin Koch, a European pairing that had never lost.

As the sun set over the Straits of Oresund, Rosie Jones and Michele Redman rallied for a 2-up victory and trimmed Europe's lead after the first day to 4½-3½.

The Europeans, buoyed by a raucous crowd which chanted, clapped and sang along the tree-lined fairways of Barseback Golf & Country Club, whipped the Americans for the second straight year in the morning alternate-shot matches.

They won three matches and halved the other—giving that one away with a three-putt on the 18th—for a three-point lead.

"I don't know what it is, but we don't seem to get out of the blocks very fast," US captain Patty Sheehan said. "We're going to have to play catch-up again."

The Europeans were poised to take the largest opening-day lead in Solheim Cup history, bolting ahead in three of the afternoon best-ball matches.

Everything changed in the course of five minutes.

Daniel, at 46, the oldest player ever in the Solheim Cup, rolled in an 18-foot birdie on the 13th to square the match against Sorenstam and Koch.

Behind them, Redman and Jones began a stretch of five straight birdies which eventually led them to victory over Sophie Gustafson and Iben Tinning.

But no match was more significant than Daniel and Inkster.

They were paired together for the first time, old friends who were inducted into the Hall of Fame together two years ago.

They faced Sorenstam, the best player in women's golf playing before a home crowd, and Koch, a fellow Swede who was unbeaten in her third Solheim Cup.

"We needed that," Inkster said. "Not only the point, but mentally."

Sorenstam gave Europe a 1-up lead with a 12-foot birdie on No. 9 and a 4-iron into 3 feet for birdie on the 11th.

Inkster hit a wedge which stopped 16 inches from the cup on No. 12 to halve the hole with birdie, then they both came up with one key shot after another down the stretch.

Daniel holed an 18-footer for birdie on the 13th to square the match, then saved par with a tough 6-footer on the next hole.

And it was Daniel who suggested that Inkster—8 feet from the cup for birdie on the par-5 16th—putt first to put the pressure on Europe.

Inkster came through, although Sorenstam poured in her 12-foot birdie on top of her. *AP*

Goosen fires 65, leads Lancome by 4

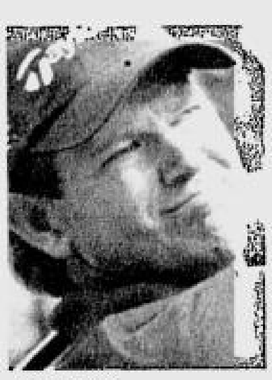
VERSAILLES, France—Retief Goosen fired a flawless six-under-par 65 in the Lancome Trophy second round on Friday to surge four strokes clear of the field.

The South African nearly matched his blistering first day run on the front nine at St-Nom-la-Breteche when he ran up an eagle-two and three birdies to be out in 31, just a stroke worse than Thursday's effort that put him on course for a 63.

A quieter back nine with only one birdie left him on 14-under-par 128, four strokes ahead of Spain's Carlos Rodiles and Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium, who both carded 66s in search of their maiden tour wins.

Goosen's 105-yard wedge-shot for a two at the par-four fifth launched his bid for a second Lancome Trophy, his fourth French success and first title of the year, and the 2001 US Open winner is happy to be setting the pace.

"I don't find it hard to stay in front and I've won pretty well in all my tournaments from the front, including the US Open," said Goosen.



GOOSEN

"The round had got off to a pretty slow start but then on five I hit a soft gap-wedge, it landed a yard and a half behind the hole and spun in.

A $320,000 first prize this week would help Goosen's slim chances of a third successive European order of merit, but he lies $1.8 million behind leader Ernie Els with seven events left after Versailles.

"I pretty much need to win everything in sight and for Ernie to play poorly to go past him," added Goosen.

"I don't think I have a chance but there are plenty of big events to come so I'm going to keep trying."

Rodiles, the day after holing-in-one, fired his third successive 66 in the event after closing with a 66 last year to finish second.

The second-placed pair are a stroke better than Ireland's Paul McGinley. Swede Mikael Lundberg triple-bogeyed the last to fall six off the lead.

Europe's top world-ranked player, ninth-placed Padraig Harrington, also enjoyed his opening half playing alongside Goosen, out in 32, but the Irishman faded coming home to shoot a 68 and finish eight strokes adrift of the leader.

While British Open winner Ben Curtis just made the cut on the mark of 141 with a 72, former European number one Lee Westwood, who won for the first time nearly three years at the BMW International Open two weeks ago, bogeyed the last to miss out by a stroke. *AP*

Lewis paces rain-soaked Deere Classic

SILVIS, Illinois—J.L. Lewis turned soft greens and fairways into a second straight 6-under 65 and held a two-stroke lead in the second round of the rain-soaked John Deere Classic.

Several groups were still on the course when play was suspended for the day Friday. They will finish their second rounds Saturday morning and then the cut will be made for the final two rounds, followed by the third round.

Jonathan Byrd, the first-round co-leader with Lewis, bogeyed two holes on the back nine in a 67 that left him in second place at 10 under. Vijay Singh was another two strokes back in third after a 68.

A steady morning ran eased for the afternoon rounds at the Tournament Players Club at Deere Run. There was a 35-minute rain delay.

More rain was forecast for Saturday, with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms, said Stewart Williams, a meteorologist at the tournament. He said Sunday should be dry and cloudy.

Lewis, who won the Quad City PGA event in 1999, offset his first bogey of the tournament with a chip-in eagle on No. 17.

"I was lucky. I think the people who teed off in the morning got the bad end of the draw," said Lewis, who was at 12-under 130.

Lewis and Byrd, who had a 67, played only a few holes in the rain but were on the course when the sudden downpour suspended play.

Byrd said he had just made a birdie putt when play was halted.

"I would never say it slowed me down but you always like to keep playing," he said.

Singh said he hoped to be aggressive Friday after closing with an eagle and birdie in the first round. But he said the morning showers "kind of messed everything up."

Two-time Masters champion Bernhard Langer (65), Justin Leonard (67) and Kevin Sutherland (67) were all at 6-under 136.

Meanwhile, in Hunt Valley, Maryland, Des Smyth beat the rain and bucked a trend in the opening round of the Constellation Energy Classic.

Smyth had five birdies on the back nine and shot a 5-under 67 Friday to share the lead of the Champions Tour event with Larry Nelson and Jay Sigel.

Smyth teed off as part of the second threesome and was in the clubhouse well before a persistent rain shower played havoc with the majority of the field. *AP*

Iran, US wrestlers split final 2 matches

NEW YORK—Iran and the United States split the last two matches at the opening day of the World Freestyle Championships Friday.

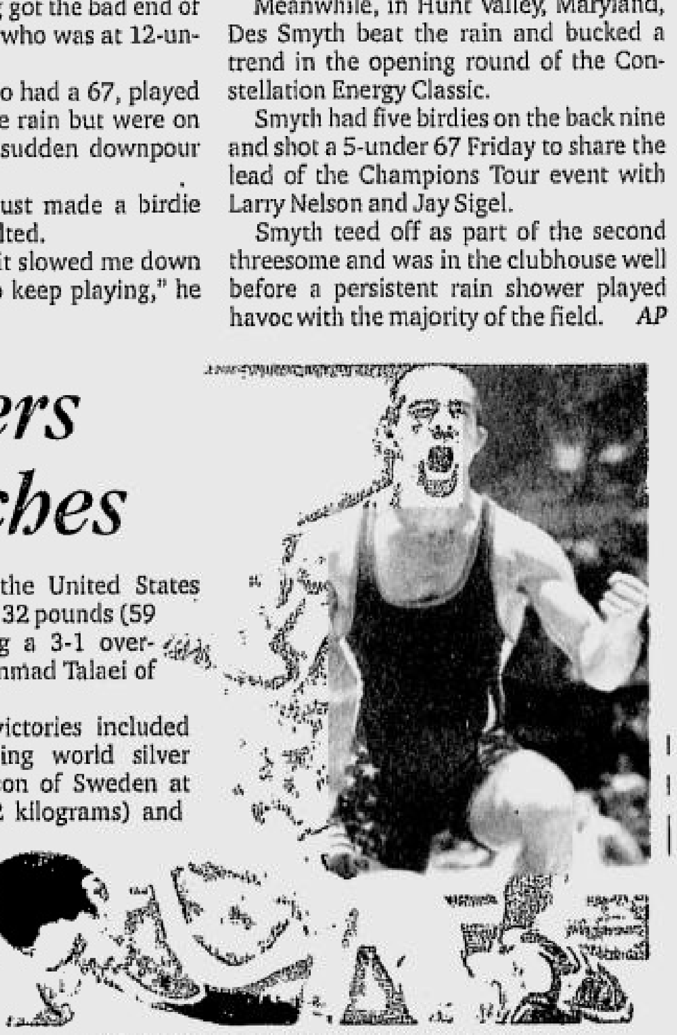
Iran's Hadi Habibi beat Joe Williams 3-1 in overtime in the 163-pound (73-kilogram) class. Two minutes later, Cael Sanderson defeated Majid Khodaee of Iran 8-2 at 185 pounds (83 kilograms).

US wrestlers had won their first 20 matches in the two sessions of pool competition before the two highly anticipated match-ups between American and Iranian wrestlers.

Williams was thrown for three points as overtime began and the contingent of Iranian fans erupted and the crowd estimated at 6,000 chanted back and forth.

Eric Guerrero of the United States won two matches at 132 pounds (59 kilograms), including a 3-1 overtime win over Mohammad Talaei of Iran.

Other American victories included Sara McMann pinning world silver medalist Sara Erikkson of Sweden at 138 3/4 pounds (62 kilograms) and Stephen Abas winning twice in overtime at 121 pounds (54 kilograms), including a 3-1 victory over Abdullaev Yadulla of Azerbaijan. *AP*



STEPHEN Abas of the United States celebrates after beating Nami Abdullaev of Azerbaijan. AP

Pierre sparks Marlins win

MIAMI—Juan Pierre singled home the winning run in the ninth inning, and the Florida Marlins overcame a three-run deficit to beat the Atlanta Braves, 5-4, Friday night.

Florida increased its wild-card lead to 1 1/2 games over Philadelphia, which lost 8-4 at Pittsburgh.

Braden Looper (6-3) got the win in relief of Brad Penny, who gave up three runs before departing in the first with a hyper-extended pitching elbow. Florida scored twice in the eighth against Jaret Wright to tie the game, then won against Ray King (3-3). *AP*

ASEAN MEET

RP swimmers reign supreme

Medal standings	G	S	B
Philippines	27	30	31
Singapore	25	23	21
Malaysia	14	13	11
Thailand	12	15	19
Indonesia	11	3	5
Vietnam	8	13	9
Myanmar	0	0	1
Brunei	0	0	0

SAN PABLO CITY—It was worth all the wait.

After nearly two decades, the Philippines reclaimed its No. 1 status in the Southeast Asian Age Group swimming championships yesterday by winning the overall crown at the San Pablo City Swimming Center here.

The RP tankers responded to the wild cheering of the hometown crowd with a golden medal haul of nine capped by another record performance from Bonus Bordado on the third and final day of the 8-nation competition.

Luica Dacanay and Sadeq Naheem Coquia also shone with two golds each and Marichi Gandioco, Lambert Guiriba, Ryan Arabejo and Krestia Lacson contributed one victory each as the Filipinos survived a desperate rally by Singapore.

The Philippines finished with 27 golds, two more than Singapore's output of 25. The host country also added 30 silvers and 31 bronzes.

Malaysia was a far third with 14 golds followed by Thailand (12), Indonesia (11), and Vietnam (80). Myanmar placed seventh over Brunei with its lone medal, a bronze.

Bordado, who established a meet record in the boys' 13-14 100-meter freestyle in Day Two, set another mark, this time in the 200m breaststroke.

The former cyclist-turned-swimmer clocked 2:26:46 to shatter the old record posted by Moho Akbar Nasution in 1997.

It was the second gold medal for Bordado in this international event.

Dacanay struck for golds in the 50m backstroke (31.97) and the 200m fly (2:22:15)in the girls' 15-17 division.

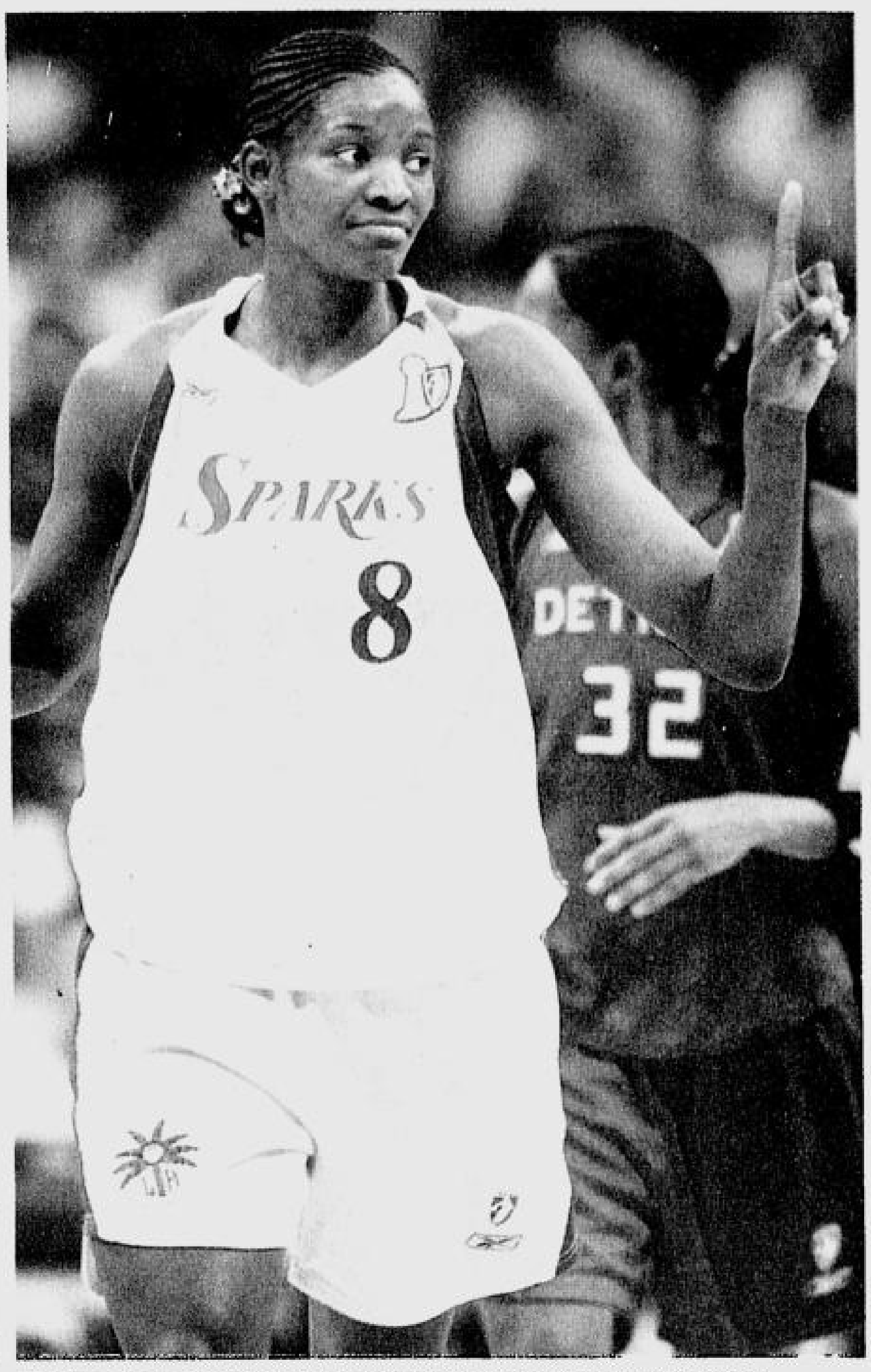
Coquia, who hasn't won a gold in the first two days, struck hardest on the final day, winning golds in the 12-under 200m breaststroke and 50m freestyle.

Guiriba prevailed in the boys' 15-17 100m freestyle.

"We never had it so good," said national team coach Guy Concepcion, a member of the 1984 age group squad that last won the overall championship.

"I'm really proud of what my team showed in this event. I have to thank the members of the team who were all very supportive and kept on believing in themselves," he said.

Philippine Amateur Swimming Association president Monchito Ilagan said he was happy with the outcome despite not getting any funding from the Philippine Sports Commission in staging the event.



LOS Angeles Sparks forward DeLisha Milton celebrates a basket against the Detroit Shock. REUTERS

LA Sparks rip Shock in Game 1

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Sparks built a 21-point lead in the first half, then waited for Detroit to catch up.

The Shock never erased their double-digit deficit, and the two-time champion Sparks won, 75-63, Friday night in the opening game of the best-of-three WNBA Finals.

Lisa Leslie, last year's finals MVP, scored 14 of her 23 points in the first half and had 12 rebounds. DeLisha Milton added 19 points, Tamecka Dixon had 15 and Nikki Teasley had 11 assists for the Sparks.

Detroit's Swin Cash scored 16 points and Deanna Nolan had 15 despite a back bruise. WNBA rookie of the year Cheryl Ford had 11 points and 12 rebounds playing in front of her father Karl Malone, one of the new members of the Los Angeles Lakers. Center Ruth Riley was held to six points as Leslie repeatedly scored over her.

It was like 1988 all over again for Shock coach Bill Laimbeer, formerly one of the "Bad Boys" on the Detroit Pistons, who lost to Sparks coach Michael Cooper and the Lakers in seven games of that year's NBA Finals. *AP*

Pistons sign up Milicic for $11M

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan—Darko Milicic, the second player picked in last June's NBA draft, signed a contract with the Detroit Pistons and was officially introduced Friday.

"I'm very happy to be here," said Milicic, who signed a three-year contract worth about $11 million. "I need to work hard and learn something every day."

The 2.14-meter (7-foot) 18-year-old from Serbia and Montenegro has played professionally in Europe since he was 14. *AP*

Former track stars strut wares in Nat'l Masters

THE COUNTRY's former track and field stars including Asia's ex-fastest woman Mona Sulaiman, Isidro del Prado, Rey Antoque, Linda Lavandia, Danny Jarina, Dorie Cortejo, Lolita Lagrosas and Edgardo Pedregosa try to relieve their glory days when the National Masters Track and Field Championship fires off on Oct. 25-26 at the Cebu City Sports Center in Cebu City.

Tournament director Raffy Uytiepo said the two-day trackfest sponsored by the Philippine Sports Commission and the Province of Cebu while being backed by Chowking, Superferry, Nature Spring, and Y101 FM, is open to male participants 40 years old and above and women over 35 years old. They will vie in 10 individual and 2 relay events with the top 3 winners in every individual category winning medals while the top 3 teams receive trophies. All participants will also receive T-shirts and certificates.

The age categories are for men: 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 and 60 above. Events to be contested are from the 100-meter dash to the 5,000 meter run with 2 relay events, the 4x100 and 4x400.

Uytiepo also said, that out of town participants will be given free accommodations at the Cebu City Sports Center. Registration fee is P200 per participant. For further details please contact the Secretariat at the PSC Office Region VII with telephone number (032)2547786 or the tournament director at 0917-916-3032.

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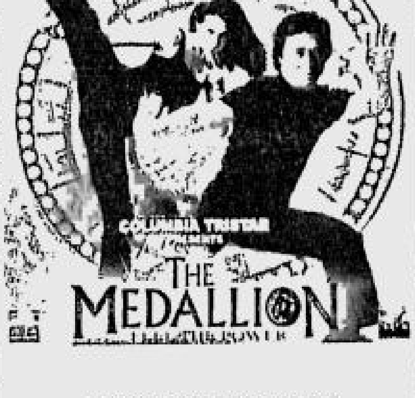

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Sunday BIZ

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

'Don't do anything you don't enjoy or excel at'

YOLY still plays the guitar today . The chair of Campaigns and Grey is the first Filipino to judge at the Clio awards (the Oscars of advertising). She co-wrote the hit song 'Anak ng Pasig.'

YOLY'S feistiness shows at the young age of 3 (left photo). Yoly (right) finished a fellowship at Harvard two years ago. RUDY ESPERAS

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

NO ONE would believe this fiery lady once sang in a church choir.

And that she was a soloist of the choir at age nine.

Campaigns and Grey chair and executive creative director Yoly Villanueva-Ong says she had a high-pitched voice that suited a lot of church songs.

But her main reason for staying on was that the choir would be hired to sing at weddings and she would get paid about P15 for it.

FIRST JOB

That money went to the purchase of candies, in particular Serg's and Nestlé Crunch. Yoly confesses to being a chocolate addict but limited to those with nuts or crunchies.

Her very first job actually was teaching cathechism at age 8. But that one had no pay. She explains that her involvement in church stemmed from her mother who was a regular visitor to God's house.

Her Church singing career lasted throughout high school. In college, she went into writing, contributing articles to various magazines then. She got P150 per article.

The youngest of nine children, Yoly was always the good daughter who would turn over her earnings to her mother.

After finishing Journalism at UP she joined PAC, one of the largest advertising agencies in the '70s. There, she picked up her singing career once more.

One of the singers at Kola House, a popular folk house, at the Luneta then left for the US and somebody asked Yoly if she wanted to take her place.

AS a young folk singer (top) in the 70s.

Yoly gave it a try. She would invite her boyfriend then who would bring his *barkada* who brought their own *barkada*. So every time Yoly was singing, the club was full.

"I was a groupie and my group would fill up half the place. That was probably why they let me sing for one year," she laughs.

She sang everything from Astrud Gilberto to pop and rock and would play the guitar as well. Yoly was earning P25 a night for her singing. But she did not really need the money as she was earning P350 a month at PAC—an amount that she found out was P50 higher than the pay of the other hires.

She cannot recall any major purchase because she says she would turn over all her money to her mother. And despite enduring hand-me-downs when she was small, her mother still sewed her clothes for the first two years of her professional life.

In 1978, after moving to J. Walter Thompson, she joined a band called Oompah with other agency people and performed in a popular nightclub in Quezon City called Spindle. Yoly adds that Spindle was the place where Rico J was "discovered." Here Yoly was getting P125 per gig.

But Yoly eventually shelved her singing career when a lot of the things associated with the nightlife became too uncomfortable for her.

"I don't really like crowds and I didn't like what came with it. I did not like the things that had nothing to do with singing," she says mentioning that some guests would invite the singers to sit with them.

One cannot help but think that it was the Christian values her mother instilled in all her kids that eventually pulled Yoly from the klieg lights.

"We had a very Catholic upbringing. Our parents taught us the value of working and excelling in whatever we did but without putting any pressure on us. I never did anything I did not enjoy and did not excel at."

She quit her singing career once more and focused on advertising. At JWT, her advertising career was on a continuous uphill climb.

She lived and worked in Hong Kong for a year and a half because her husband, Frido, was assigned to a regional posting.

When she came back, she set up Campaigns Inc. in the mid-90s. This became Campaigns & Grey in 1994. Campaigns recently celebrated its 17th year. Yoly has been at the helm during this entire period.

Yoly's works include award-winning ads like Del Monte 202 and Lux. She became a controversial figure when she helped create some very controversial political ads in the 2000 elections.

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Whilst the Peso decline in value against other major currencies is well documented daily in the press – and a new Automotive Excise Tax Bill has now been signed into law by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo – it still awaits final implementing guidelines.

Fortunately for us all, the new Bill is favorable for passenger cars. Yes, it will result in new BMW suggested retail prices being re-aligned due to new Automotive Excise Taxes and the effects of the Euro-Peso relationship. But do not expect all models to be substantially reduced.

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'Jollibee Kids Read' good books with Sa Aklat Sisikat

"WHEN I opened the book, the letters started moving…and no matter how hard I tried, I just couldn't read them!" This is a line from Xilef, one of the 60 books in Sa Aklat Sisikat's Reading List for the Reading Program of the SAS Foundation in partnership with Jollibee through its "Jollibee Kids Read!" Program.

The Reading List went through a meticulous selection process wherein the books should possess literary values and specific Filipino family values such as identity, pride, commitment and excellence. It went through a rigid screening procedure using an evaluation tool designed through a series of focused group discussions and interviews with renowned educators and experts such as leading sociologist F. Landa Jocano, child psychologist Honey Carandang, and award-winning children's book author Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz. This set of 60 locally published storybooks will be read by Grade Four public school students during their 31-day Read-a-Thon.

These books again grabbed the public eye with the recent launch of "Jollibee Kids Read" with Sa Aklat Sisikat Reading Program in Makati. Jollibee celebrity endorser Bayani Agbayani led the story-telling session as he read Xilef, a tale of a charming young lad named Felix who was suffering from dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning difficulty in written or spoken language like reading, writing, spelling, handwriting, and even math.

Xilef, written by Augie Rivera and illustrated by Beth Parrocha-Doctolero, is the first Filipino children's story that promotes deeper understanding and acceptance of dyslexic children. The story is very popular to children as it also features the letters in the alphabet.

Another book that has touched the hearts of the students is Mary Ann Floresta's War Makes Me Sad. It illustrates a child's feelings towards war. The book aims to make children realize that violence does not resolve conflict and that nobody wins in war.

The other titles promote love for the environment like the Are You the Forest King? and The Crying Trees. Author Penny Reyes-Velasco creates a highly educational book in Are You the Forest King? that dares its young readers to take the responsibility of being the "Forest King" through loving all things great or small. The Crying Trees, on the other hand, is a wonderful story about the legend of the rubber trees. Similarly, Victoria Anonuevo's Si Pilandok, Ang Bantay Gubat (Pilandok, the Guardian of the Forest) shares about how Pilandok defeated the warriors of the greedy Datu Usman in his task of protecting the forest.

"The books are also written in such a way that it would be easy for Grade Four students to read and to comprehend. We are glad that we have these books because many of our public schools need more reading materials that would encourage their students to take interest in books and develop the reading habit," educator and SAS trustee Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz said.

"Grade Five and Six public school students in Marikina who have undergone the Reading Program years back still remember the stories they read during the Read-a-Thon and until now they recall the lessons that these books taught them. Each book has a positive Filipino value that it imparts on the kids. This only manifests that the Reading Program is effective and has a long-term impact on the students," remarked Ms. Inez Reyes, Jollibee's vice president for marketing.

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Di Mark's: a slice of pizza history

UNKNOWN to many, the Filipinos' delicious pizza tradition didn't only come from the Italians and the many pizza joints that have mushroomed in the city over the years. In fact, we have our own history of how pizza was formally introduced here in Manila.

The very first pizza that our parents and grandparents enjoyed were from Di Mark's Pizza Garden, opened in 1957 by a Filipino family that shares a common passion for food.

The Di Mark's pizza venture actually started as a neighborhood affair. Back in New York in the '50s where the Fernandez couple Arturo and Lita together with their family used to live, Nina (one of the daughters) was accustomed to the habitual Friday gathering wherein her mom and dad - together with their Italian neighbors - would prepare plates of pizzas for dinner. Arturo would knead the dough while Lita would prepare her rich, thick tomato sauce. The wonderful smell of pizza coming from the kitchen often lured many neighborhood children to play in their yard and needless to say, allowed them to sample the delicious pizza of Nina's mom.

The same tradition ensued when the family moved to Manila in 1956. Family and friends loved the couple's pizza recipe so much that they encouraged them to open a restaurant. On April 1, 1957, with borrowed tables and chairs, Di Mark's Pizza garden opened for business. Named after Nina's youngest brother, Marky, the restaurant was located in the garden of their residence in Menlo Road, Pasay City, down the street from the 'American School.'

Today, the Di Mark's pizza legacy continues with the hard work of Jacob and Nina with their four kids. Together, they preserved grandmother Lita's distinct tomato sauce, which is deliciously cooked in olive oil, garlic, and onions, and imported spices; and grandpa Arturo's dough, made neither thin nor thick, with the right crunchy texture at the bottom. Nina is now passing this pizza making discipline to the third generation, with little additions here and there.

Aside from the Menlo special pizza recipe that families enjoyed way back in the '50s, Di Mark's now has more pizza flavors on its menu, made with the special house sauce and dough. The pizzas are of course complimented by a good choice of appetizers, soups, pasta, main dishes and even dessert. A selection of drinks, from juices to beer and cocktails are also available at the resto-bar at the third floor of Greenbelt 3 (tel. 757-3888).

Now even those who are at home could still enjoy Di Mark's hearty pizzas, as Kimmie Assad, one of the daughters have opened a take-out and delivery branch at 2646 Taft Ave., Malate (tel. nos. 404-0683 or 5255354) and in Wack-Wack Road, Shaw Blvd. (tel. nos. 723-5008 or 723-6008).

Judging from the sizeable crowd of old and young people that flock to Di Mark's even on weekdays, it seems that the family hasn't lost touch in luring people to its delicious pizzas, just how Arturo and Lita did four decades ago.

PROJECT OPERATION TULE

In line with its Pain Management Education Program, Unilab Consumer Health, makers of Alaxan FR (Fast Release) and the Philippine Society of General Surgeons- Metro Manila Chapter concluded the Operation Tule last May 30, at the Lipa District Hospital. This was done in cooperation with Vilma Santos-Recto, Mayor of Lipa, Batangas. The project aimed to provide free circumcision to boys aged 10 years and up. All the boys were given Alaxan FR as a pain reliever. Alaxan FR was demonstrated to be capable of providing fast, safe and effective pain relief from minor surgical operations like circumcision. Shown in picture are (L-R) Dr. Alberto Paulino of PSGS-MMC, Chinky Bariso of Professional Insights, Mayor Vilma Santos-Recto of Lipa City, Dr. Ellen Villanueva of Lipa City, Chey Castillo of Professional Insights, Dr. George Lim-President of PSGS-MMC and Dr. Mateo Bagsic of PSGS-MMC.

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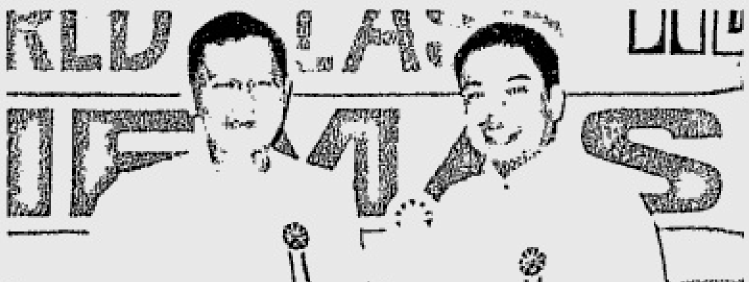
PALANCA AWARD WINNER

Renato Vibiesca (center) beams as he receives his award for winning first place in the Maikling Kuwentong Pambata category for the recently concluded 53rd Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature. The award was presented by Sylvia Palanca-Quirino, director general of the Palanca Foundation (far left) and Nemie Bermejo, Palanca Foundation project manager.



ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD IS TOP MOVIE THEATER

The 2003 National Consumers Quality Awards (NCQA) awarded Robinsons Movieworld as Top Movie Theater for 2003 during the recognition ceremonies held last July at the UP Theater. Receiving the award during the event were Robinsons Movieworld executives (from left) Leo Hernandez, general manager and Bomboy Lim, external affairs. Robinsons Movieworld was also awarded by Gawad Tanglaw as the top cinema for 2003 during its awards night at the Wesleyian University Philippines-Manila. Gawad Taglaw is composed of academics, students and movie industry personalities that aim to recognize significant contributors to the development of movies in the country.

Clips

HomePlus furniture frenzy

HOMEPLUS Furniture, a division of Abenson, ties up with Citibank credit card, empowering shoppers with a better purchase value. All HomePlus furniture purchased with a Citibank credit card entitles the shoppers with a 0 percent interest rate on a 12-month installment basis. Plus, with a minimum purchase of P5,000 the shopper is entitled to get an extra large beanbag at the super value price of P30. Promo runs until Sept. 15.

Manual's current offering

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Moms&babies, Health Today latest issues

IN THE latest issue of Moms&babies, glamour girl-turned-mom, Daphne Oseña-Paez talks about pregnancy and how life just got better with her new role as mother to baby Sophia. Moms&babies is a quarterly magazine that provides everything parents need to know about conception, pregnancy, giving birth, childcare, and looking after the mother herself. Meanwhile, read this month's issue of HealthToday and find out the secrets of staying healthy and young for life. Check out calcium health benefits and how to boost your baby's immune system in HealthToday's free pullout guides. Charlene Gonzales graces this month's cover. Get your copies now. Moms&babies and HealthToday are available in all bookstores, newsstands, and retail outlets nationwide. For subscription inquiries, call 886-0333 local 112, or email enquiry@medimedia.com.ph.

UNILEVER PHILIPPINES BAGS AWARD

Unilever Philippines, makers of leading home and personal care, foods and ice cream products, was recently recognized by the Consumers Union of the Philippines as an 'Outstanding Manufacturer of Toothpaste', for its toothpaste brand, Close-Up. The product was evaluated based on price, quality, reliability, availability, and benefits. Photo shows Claire Pascua (assistant brand manager, Close-Up) receiving the award from the officials of the Consumers Union of the Philippines.

Product FILES

Ray-Ban style icons 2003

RAY-BAN has released its campaign, "My Ray-Ban and Me" for 2003.

In the Philippines, no other group epitomizes the Ray-Ban attitude than the never-say-die heroes and individuals, collectively known as the Barangay Ginebra Kings. Eric Menk, coach Allan Caidic, Mark Caguioa, Bal David, Jun Limpot and Romel Adducul - the 5 toughest ball players in the hard court and their equally tough mentor - they are the new style icons of Ray-Ban; one team, one brand…Ray-Ban.

Ray-Ban eyewear is available at all leading optical shops nationwide, SM department stores and Powershades at Powerplant Mall, Rockwell. Ray-Ban is exclusively distributed by Branded Lifestyle Inc.

Laguna couple raises tilapia on donuts

By Romulo Ponte
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

PANGIL, Laguna—People in urban centers may see donuts as delicacies. But in this town, donuts are feeds for *tilapia* raised in fish cages.

Yes, tilapia here eat volumes of donuts a day compared to local residents who have been used to seeing the product delivered in bulk, not for human consumption but for the fish.

Efren Alvarez Cahapisan, 71, owner of 15 tilapia cages in this town, tells the INQUIRER that feeding tilapia with donuts not only produces healthy and delicious fish but is also very economical.

Cahapisan, a former elementary school teacher, and his wife Teresa, 62, started the business in March 1997 with a capital of about P203,000.

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He waited for five to seven months before the fingerlings became ready for harvest. Each fish cage produces 500 to 1,000 kilograms of fish.

The best months to start a good harvest is during summer.

Harvesting is done based on the orders. Regular areas for marketing are the nearby towns of Siniloan, Paete, Lumban, Pangil or the fish "rigaton" (direct fish buyers).

Residents of these areas have proven to be good consumers of the "donut-flavored" fish.

The total production of 15,000 kilograms of fish each harvest season has proven to be still too small to meet the demand of these consumers.

Cost

Cahapisan says it does not cost much to feed the fish with donuts. It only runs to about P3 to P4 per kilogram compared to commercial feeds, which cost P400 per 25-kg sack.

The supply of donuts comes from factories in Manila. These donuts are either stale or excess production.

Cahapisan dries the donuts under the sun to prevent spoilage and to facilitate pulverization to fish feeds.

Each fish cage with smaller fingerlings consumes about 25 kilograms a day, which increases to about 50 kilograms, as fingerlings grow.

The pulverized donuts are not thrown directly into the fish but are carefully scattered over the fish nets that are spread across the water level to prevent waste. This ensures that every bit of donut is consumed by the fish.

Feeding

The Cahapisans wait until the fingerlings are about two months old before they are fed donuts. Before then they are given commercial feeds.

Raising tilapia on a commercial scale is a delicate job and needs closer supervision, said Cahapisan.

There are steps to be followed:

Step one: The fingerlings, are taken care of in the nursery area in the lake where they stay for up to one or two months.

Step two: During the time in the nursery, the fish are fed with commercial feeds thrice a day.

Step three: The fish are then transferred into the cages and given pulverized donuts three times a day. This is done until the fish are harvested in five to seven months.

Workers are instructed to regularly inspect the cages to ensure that the nets in every cage are not torn or damaged, otherwise the fish might escape from the fishnets.

Step five: The donut feeds are pulverized or cut into tiny pieces and scattered above the nets that are partly submerged to enable the fish to feed on the bread bits.

NOTICE OF SALE

THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MANILA POLO CLUB, INC. HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE SALE OF DELINQUENT MEMBERS' PROPRIETARY MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES:

"RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 1 (c) and 2 of Article IX of the Amended By-Laws of the Club, the following membership certificates whose owners have been on the delinquent list for more than sixty (60) days shall be sold at a public auction to be held on 25 September 2003 (Thursday), at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Turf Room, Manila Polo Club, McKinley Road, Forbes Park, Makati City:

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She sold...

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children of my friends, but we had 80 and I was very happy," she says.

Sarcol was also bold enough to charge more than double the average tuition fee in Cebu in 1987. While almost everybody else was asking for P2,000 a year, she asked for P5,000. She justified the cost by saying that hers was a far different school.

"I arrived at that number because I computed the cost of the kind of education that I wanted to give these children and I felt that the rate was just right," she says.

Banking on the Education degree that she got from the University of the Philippines where she graduated magna cum laude, she put together a curriculum that was designed to make leaders out of the children.

The curriculum, which stresses making children think for themselves and making them used to pressure and competition, is what parents are paying for.

"I did not want to be just another school. I wanted a school that provided a challenging environment for the students. I want to debunk that theory that we should not pressure children. I think we should stimulate them, so that they would improve," she says.

Sarcol agrees that putting too much pressure may become traumatic for children, but too little is just as bad, and may be even worse in the end.

"Today, children are used to being spoonfed, which is bad. They need to be challenged and many schools and teachers are scared of challenging them and that makes these children afraid to try everything. They end up having no ambition," she explains.

With her school's emphasis on challenge and motivation, Sarcol proudly says that she was able to turn around young students who were previously unmotivated to become achievers after entering her school.

"I believe that it is partly because of the environment that we provide them and we have good surroundings, which makes the place conducive for learning," she says.

Her brand of learning comes at a price. Tuition fee for toddler level is at P35,000; P45,000 for pre-school; around P55,000 for elementary and P75,000 for high school.

Sarcol says it took some time before the Cebu population bought the idea of her kind of education, but she saw how the number of students grew every year, primarily through the word-of-mouth advertising by satisfied parents.

She remembers that during the first three years, she would put in everything that she earned back into the school just to keep it going.

"For three years I took the jeep to work. My uniform was gray jogging pants, a yellow school shirt, rubber shoes and white socks. I turned from a socialite into a commuter almost overnight," she says.

Sarcol adds that she had to let go of her Cartier watches for a simple Seiko during the first few years that she was building the school. She also engaged in other fund-raising ventures such as selling German shepherds to make ends meet.

The school's reputation, however, spread and now she has 700 students and the population continues to grow. The school has also turned from an old house into a P200-million campus that looks more like a hotel.

"Again, I wanted to be different, with the kind of fees that I charge, my students only deserve the best," she says.

CIE today offers pre-school, grade school, college and post-graduate courses.

And because of insistent demand from entrepreneurs in Manila, she has finally agreed to bring her education concept to the capital through franchising.

"I also agreed because I want to spread the discipleship of our kind of education so that we can have more responsible adults and people with character," she says, "Like I always tell my teachers, we are here not just for academics but for character building," she adds.

Sarcol's efforts did not go unnoticed as she was recognized in 1999 as one of the Most Distinguished Alumnae of UP, together with then vice president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. Her latest feat is the Distinguished Women's Award given by Northwood University, the first Filipina to receive the award.

Northwood University based in Dallas, Texas established the award in 1970 to recognize women "of exceptional leadership and achievement."

Sarcol is certainly one such woman and she said blessings continue to pour on her and her family and she gives part of it back by giving scholarships to deserving students.

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PARANAQUE CITY	**MIN BID**
5. Condo / U-21-D.Cleveland Twr. Asiaworld City /FA-363.94	11,800,000
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12. Lot / L-47 B-18 Park Ridge Est.- 3 (via Valley Golf) / LA-811	2,700,000
Cottonwoods Hts., Bayugo, Antipolo	
13. Lot/L2 B5 Cascades/LA-228	1,118,000
14. Lot/L6 B2 Cascades/LA-246	1,206,000
15. Lot / L-23 Blk-10 / LA - 266	1,435,000
16. Lot / L-21 Blk-2 / LA – 355	1,915,000
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17. H&L w/ S. pool / L-10-C-6 Pansol. Calamba (near Monte Vista) LA-1,141 / FA-336	4,777,000
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26. Lot-8-C-2-B. Santolan cor. Tolentino Sts. LA-353 / FA-432	2,851,000
ANGONO, RIZAL	**MIN BID**
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33. Lot/L-127 B-3-A, Almond St./ LA-459	918,000
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37. L - 15 Blk. – 5 / L.A. - 1,102	4,188,000
38. L – 17 Blk. - 10 / L.A. - 1,034	3,930,000
39. L - 27 Blk. – 17 / L.A. – 828	3,147,000
40. L - 52 Blk. – 17 / L.A. – 1,130	4,294,000
41. L - 32 Blk. – 30 / L.A. – 635	2,413,000
42. L - 27 Blk. – 36 / L.A. – 771	2,930,000
43. L - 93 Blk. – 48 / L.A. – 783	2,976,000
44. L – 49 Blk. – 50 / L.A. – 582	2,212,000
45. L – 50 Blk. – 50 / L.A. - 627	2,383,000
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47. L – 52 Blk. - 50 / L.A. - 540	2,052,000
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51. L - 09 Blk. - 37 / L.A. - 672	2,016,000
52. L – 35 Blk. - 37 / L.A. - 687	2,061,000
53. L – 12 Blk. - 38 / L.A. - 653	1,959,000
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67. Lot / L – 51 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000
68. Lot / L – 52 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000
69. Lot / L – 55 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000
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71. Lot / L – 57 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 40	60,000
72. Lot / L – 58 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 48	72,000
73. Lot / L – 59 Blk. - 5 / L.A.- 67	100,500
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79. Lot/# 2568 Tejeron St, Sta. Ana (near Mla/Mkti. arch) LA-312	4,244,000
80. Dormitory-3 Sty. / # 352 M.F. Jhocson St., Sampaloc L.A.- 489.3 / T.F.A.- 1,620.5	15,750,000
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81. Offc. Unit/ Unit # 2004. OMM Citra Bldg. San Miguel Ave. (w/ parking)/ FA – 153.64	5,800,000
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82. Lot / Lot-1-B & Lot-2-B. Buendia cor. Marconi St./T.L.A.-472	16,200,000
83. Lot / # 3904 Quingua St. Brgy. Pinagkaisahan / LA-612 (near EDSA / Kalayaan)	13,770,000
84. Condo/ 5/F Millenium Plaza Eduque St. / F.A.- 261.24	12,436,000
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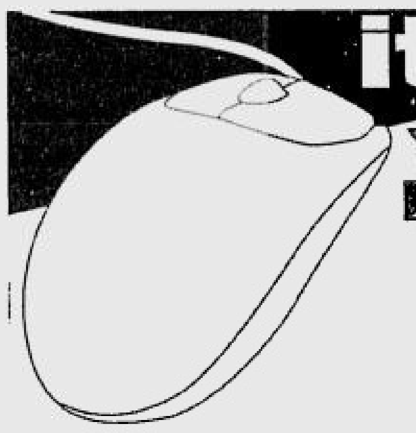

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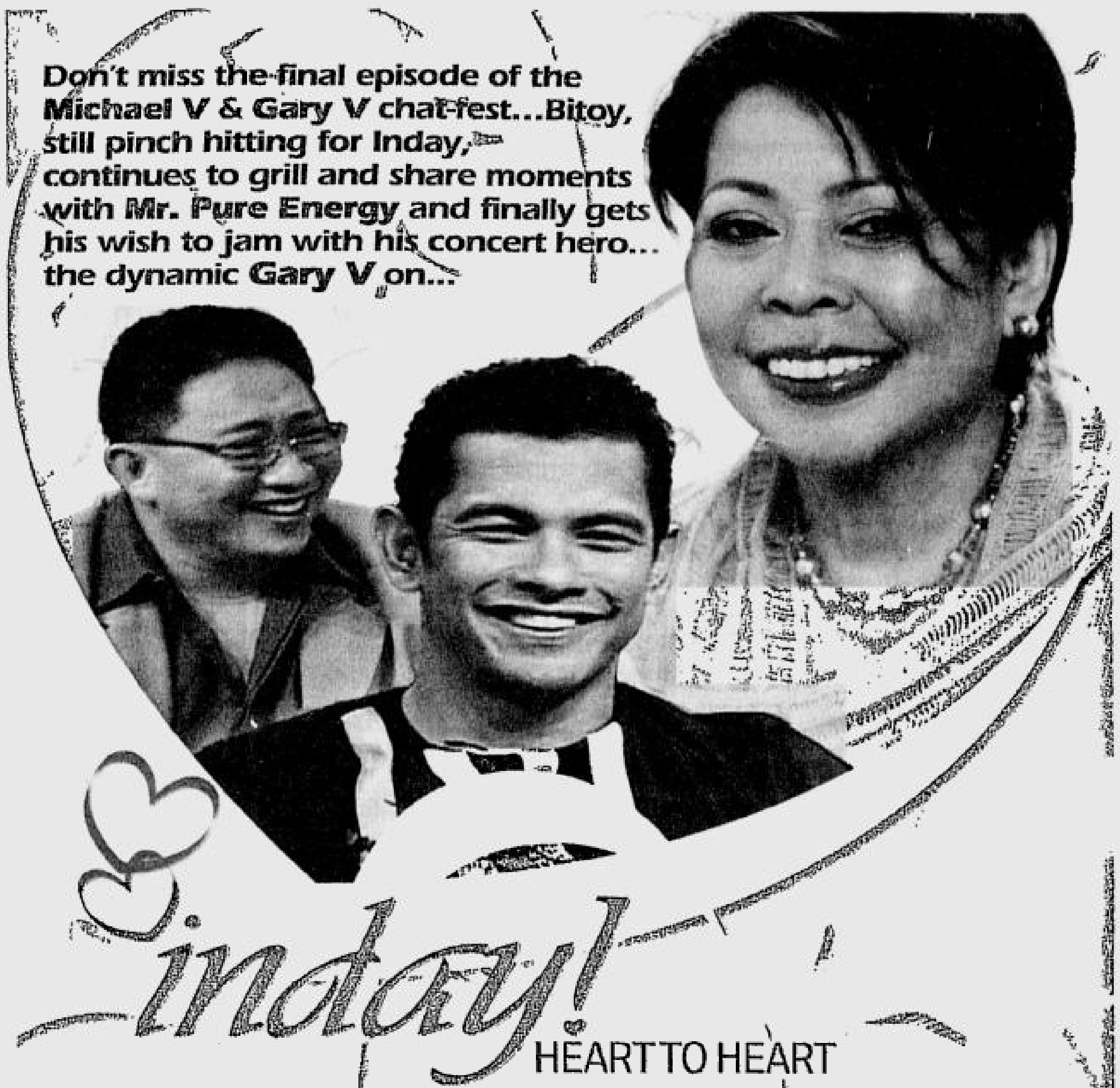
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The Provincial Government of La Union would like to invite contractors, consortia and/or firms who wish to be prequalified for bidding for the Output-Based Aid Program. Prequalification and bidding will be conducted through the international competitive bidding procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines, Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, January 1995 (revised January and August 1996, September 1997 and January 1999), and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines.

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Application for prequalification should be submitted in sealed envelopes, delivered to the Office of the Provincial Administrator, Province of La Union, San Fernando City or at the Office of Ms. Eulemia C. Mendoza, Vice President, 5th Floor, Development Bank of the Philippines, Makati City by October 31, 2003 and clearly marked "Application to Prequalify for Output-Based Aid Program in La Union Province."

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Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
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Telephone No. 931-8101 to 07

PHILIPPINE 2000

DATE : 12 September 2003
TO : To All Eligible Suppliers
SUBJECT : Request for Quotations (RFQ#KALAHI-CIDSS/03-DSWD-019)
PAGE : 5 including this page

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the cost of the KALAHI-CIDSS KKB Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for which this request for quotation is issued.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), hereinafter referred to as the Purchaser, now requests you to submit fixed price quotation for the supply and delivery of the Global Positioning System.
3. The Price Quotation Sheet attached to the Quotation Form spells out the Quantities, Technical Description and Delivery Schedule required for this procurement.
4. Delivery of the goods will be made at the DSWD Warehouse, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City within 10 calendar days from the date of acceptance of the Purchase Order. Prior to delivery, the SUPPLIER shall notify the DSWD regarding the scheduled date of delivery.
5. The duly accomplished Quotation Form and Price Quotation Sheet shall be sealed in an envelope properly labeled 'QUOTATION FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM and submitted at the Administrative Conference Room on 24 September, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Thereafter, quotations will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who chose to attend. Late quotation/s will not be accepted.
6. Prior to the submission of the proposal/s a Pre-proposal Conference will be held on 17 September 2003, 10:00 a.m. at the Administrative Conference Room, 2/F DSWD Building, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City.
7. Validity of quotations should be for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date of deadline for submission of quotations.
8. The lowest evaluated responsive quotation, shall be determined based on price and bid compliance (technical specifications and delivery schedule) to whom an award shall be made.
9. The Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation, and to annul the procurement process and reject all quotations at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected supplier or suppliers or any obligation to inform the affected supplier or suppliers of the Goods for the Purchaser's action.

Thank you.

(Sgd.) Asst. Sec. RHODA F. YAP
Chairperson, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - Sept. 14, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Ilocos Sur
CITY OF VIGAN

INVITATION FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION AND TO BID

The City Government of Vigan invites all interested suppliers to apply for pre-qualification and to submit sealed bids for the supply of a Cutter Suction Dredging Equipment funded through a loan by Land Bank & Japan Bank International Cooperation.

1) Eligibility Screening/Pre-qualification documents may be secured from the: BAC Technical Secretariat City Planning and Development Office, Vigan City Tel. # (077) 722-8772-75 local 213 from September 15-17, 2003 upon payment of the non-refundable amount of P100.00
2) Duly accomplished pre-qualification documents shall be submitted not later than 3:00 p.m. of **September 23, 2003.**
3) All participating bidders shall be informed in writing of their qualification or disqualification.
4) Bid documents shall be issued to eligible bidders by the BAC Technical Secretariat of the City Government of Vigan upon payment of the non-refundable amount of P10,000.00 on **September 29 and 30, 2003**.
5) The Pre-Bid conference shall be held on **October 1, 2003** at 10:00 a.m.
6) Submission of Bids shall be on or before 2:00 p.m. of **October 14, 2003** at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall of Vigan and shall be opened at 2:00 p.m. of the same day.

The City Government of Vigan reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, or to accept such bids or to award any part thereof to any bidder/s whose bid/s is/are considered most advantageous to LGU.

(Sgd.) FRANCISCO RANCHES, JR.
City Vice Mayor
Acting Chairman BAC

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Department of Transportation and Communications
CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD
OLD MIA ROAD, PASAY CITY
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IN RE : APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE FUEL SURCHARGE OF US$0.10 PER KILOGRAM BASED ON ACTUAL WEIGHT

CAB Case No. *EP-24045*

PACIFIC EAST ASIA CARGO AIRLINES, INC. (PEAC),
Petitioner.
x---x

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of RA 776, as amended, Notice is hereby given that **PACIFIC EAST ASIA CARGO AIRLINES, INC. (PEAC)** has filed with the Civil Aeronautics Board a petition for approval of authority to impose fuel surcharge of **US$0.10 per kilogram** based on actual weight. The above-entitled case is scheduled for hearing on **29 September 2003 at 10:00 AM** at the CAB Conference Room, Old MIA Road, Pasay City before the undersigned at which the applicant shall present relevant evidence.

The applicant is hereby required to have this Notice of Hearing be published at least once two (2) weeks before the scheduled hearing in a newspaper of general circulation.

Let a copy of the petition and this Notice be posted at the CAB Bulletin Board beginning today.

08 September 2003
Pasay City, Philippines

(Sgd.) JOCELYN VILLAR-ALTAMIRA
Hearing Officer

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Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

LUZ PULMANO MABANAG, MD

of Balaoan, La Union
(UP College of Medicine Class 1953)

Who peacefully joined her Creator
on August 26, 2003

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and messages of sympathy, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our time of bereavement.

Our Dearly Beloved Papa

Abelardo "Diding" F. Magsajo

now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness
of the Lord on the 13th day of September, 2003
at the age of 79.

He is survived by his wife, **BELEN BORJA MAGSAJO**; children, **Cynthia, Charito, Norberto, Rey, Raul, Cyd** and **Claret**, and their respective spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

His remains lie in state at the Arlington East, The Garden Chapels, C. Raymundo, San Miguel, Pasig City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, September 17, 2003 at the Pasig Municipal Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at Capilla San Aemiliani, Arlington East, Pasig City.

RAFAEL LABID MABUTOL

Peacefully joined his Creator
on September 12, 2003

His body lies in state at Our Lady of Remedios Chapel, Don Enrique Heights, Commonwealth Ave., Q.C.

Interment will be on Thursday, September 18 at 3:00 PM in Himlayang Pilipino Memorial Park, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

His family requests the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

FR. DOMINGO B. MACALAM, S.J.

was called home to the Lord on Friday, 12 September 2003.

Wake: Sacred Heart Chapel, Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Zamboanga City.

Funeral: After 7:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, 16 September, in Sacred Heart Chapel, Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Fr. Macalam's remains will be brought to St. Joseph's Cathedral in Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay. Funeral and interment will be in Ipil, after a day or two of wake there.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF HIS SOUL.

Our Dearly Beloved

PURITA BATI LAGARDE

of Marcelo Green Vill., Parañaque
and San Antonio, Biñan, Laguna
Born: February 02, 1930
Died: September 13, 2003

Peacefully joined her Creator at the age of 73.

Her loving husband: **Ovidio Razo Lagarde**;
Sons: **Benjie, Boy, Boyet** and **Cesar**;
Daughters: **Lilibeth (†), Myrla, Myriam** and **Grace**.

Daughters-in-law: **Edna, Dinah** and **Bong**;
Son-in-law: **Awe**;
Grandchildren: **Val, Mara, Vincent, Carlo, Bea, Jake, Jett, Gaby, Inah** and **Abby**.

Brothers: **Kuya Eddie, Kuya Igo (†), Ading (†)**;
Sisters: **Lucing, Dating, Sitang (†)** and **Mila**
and other relatives and friends request
the pious readers to pray for the
eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Hemlock St., Marcelo Green Village, Parañaque City. Cremation will be on September 15, 2003 at 2:00 P.M. at the Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque City.

MARCELINO "Lino" V. FRANCISCO

of Sta. Elena, Marikina and Ayala-Alabang

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on September 13, 2003 at the age of 68.

His loving wife **Bernardita**; children **Sofia** and **Raymond, Shiela** and **Jay, Sylvia** and **Albert, Susan** (†); grandchildren **Redmond, Sabrina, Selena, Ryan, Sandra, Sacha, Adrian** and **Stephanie**; relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at St. Jerome and Sta. Susanna Parish, Commerce Ave., Ayala-Alabang.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at 11:00 am at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat Road, Parañaque City.

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NFA earmarks P3.7B for main crop palay buying

THE NATIONAL Food Authority has earmarked a total of P3.7B to finance an intensive palay buying for this year's main harvest from September to December.

NFA Administrator Arthur C. Yap emphasized that the procurement budget for the end quarter is the biggest allocation for palay buying in the last ten years.

The NFA recently forged an agreement with the Philippine National Bank increasing the agency's credit ceiling with the bank to P3B to finance grains buying and support NFA's other pro-poor programs.

With the sufficient budget at its disposal, Yap expressed optimism on NFA's capability to meet its procurement target of 277,190 metric tons or 5.5 million bags of palay for this year's main cropping.

Yap noted that the NFA's buying price is used as a bench mark by grains traders in their palay buying operations. The NFA support price serves as a trigger price mechanism pushing up palay prices at the farm gate, Yap said.

The NFA buys palay at P9 per kg during the main harvest exclusive of the P.50 additional incentive for transport, drying and for post harvest facility build up for farmers cooperative.

Yap also noted that the NFA is allocating P350 M to Region XIV or the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao to finance palay buying in the area. "This will assure a better price for the produce of our Muslim brothers and sustain the efforts of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to develop and promote peace and order in the area," Yap said.

The NFA-ARMM is targetting to buy 38,900 MT of palay or 778,000 bags for the last quarter. This, according toYap, is so far the biggest targeted palay procurement volume in the area in the past several years.

In addition to ARMM, Region XII, the traditional rice granary of Mindanao, is given a P399 M allocation for palay buying. For Luzon, Central Luzon bags the biggest procurement allocation of P691 M followed by Southern Tagalog with P669 and Cagayan Valley with P416 M. For the Visayas, the top price producing Panay Island is allocated P229 M in grains procurement.

Yap said the NFA central office had started remitting the needed cereal procurement fund to all the agency's field offices.

As part of its commitment to environmental stewardship, the National Power Corporation, in coordination with the Office of Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, recently donated 1,000 mahogany tree seedings to four public schools in Quezon City. Photo shows the students of the Quezon City High School planting the seedlings, while school teachers and NPC officials look on. The other beneficiary-schools are the Carlos Albert High School, the P. Bernardo Elementary School, and the Kamuning Elementary School.

NFA implements sales to stationary outlets

IN AN effort to ensure a ready supply of rice and low-priced grocery items to it stationary outlets, the National Food Authority has launched its Mobile Sales Direct to Stationary Outlets program.

Through this project, the NFA assures timely delivery of supply of quality but low-priced NFA rice and other household commodities to the agency's stationary outlets.

Private truck owners are encouraged to participate in the program. These private vehicles will act as delivery trucks for the NFA. A letter of agreement shall be executed between the NFA provincial manager and the vehicle owner before engaging the latter's transport services. The trucks will be manned by special collecting officers from the food agency.

NFA Administrator Arthur C. Yap said that the mobile delivery system will speed up distribution of rice stocks to stationary outlets. "This program is expected to improve the efficiency of the agency in the implementation of its pro-poor programs," Yap said.

On the mechanics of the projects, a commodity order form must first be accomplished by an outlet operator indicating his orders. This is submitted to the special collecting officer during deliveries to the outlet. The goods will then be delivered on the next delivery date.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Loan No. 7147 PH
IFB No. KALAHI CIDSS-03/DSWD-007

1. The Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) in various currencies towards the cost of KALAHI-CIDSS: KKB Project, (Loan No. 7147 PH). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), KALAHI-CIDSS Project, now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following items:

Lot Number	*Quantity/ies*	*Particulars*
1	*18*	*notebook computers*
2	*30*	*desk top computers*
3	*31*	*uninterruptible power supply*
4	*13*	*External CD Writer*
5	*4*	*USB Pen Drive*
6	*3*	*Laserjet Printer*
7	*2*	*External Hard Drive*
8	*9*	*Wireless Mouse*
9	*1*	*36 port Switch Hub*

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures specified in the World Bank guidelines. Procurement under IBRD.Loans and IDA Credits are open to all bidders from eligible countries as defined in the guidelines
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and secure the complete set of bidding documents, upon presentation of a letter of intent to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat, 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City.
5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting September 08, 2003, on the submission of a written application to the above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of *Two Thousand Pesos (Php 2,000.00) per copy*.
6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of the Contract are the provisions of the World Bank Standard Bidding Documents: Procurement of Goods.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than *Two (2%) percent* of the total bid price in a form of bank guarantee from a reputable commercial bank, irrevocable letter of credit, Manager's Check, Cashier or Certified check, or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late bids will be rejected.

8. Prior to bid opening a Pre-bid Conference will be held on *September 24, 2003, 9:00 a.m.* at the Administrative Conference Room, DSWD Building, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City, Philippines.
9. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below on *October 08, 2003; 4:00 p.m.*

The Chairperson
c/o BAC Secretariat
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Administrative Conference Room, DSWD Building
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City, Philippines
Tel. (632) 931-8161
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(Sgd.) Asst. Sec. RHODA F. YAP
Chairperson, Bids & Awards Committee-I

(PDI - Sept. 7 & 14, 2003)

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PNOC
The Energy Company

INVITATION TO BID

PNOC Exploration Corporation (PNOC EC) invites prequalified/accredited contractors to submit sealed bids for the **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) of the Isabela Integrated Coal Mine-Mouth Power Plant Project (CP03-953).**

The approved budget for this contract is Php 5,000,000.00

Tender Documents shall be available for issuance at the above address from the Contracts Secretariat (c/o Mr. Carlos L. Mejias and Mr. George N. Alejandro) starting **September 16, 2003** upon presentation of a Letter of Intent and upon payment of non-refundable fee of PESOS: Seven Hundred (PHP 700.00).

The bidding shall utilize a two (2) sealed envelope system. The first envelope shall contain the Technical Bid and the second envelope shall contain the Financial Bid. The Technical & Financial Bids shall be submitted in two (2) sets each to the Contracts Secretariat not later than **3:00 P.M. October 14, 2003** at the PNOC EC Conference Room located at the above address and shall be publicly opened immediately thereafter. Late bids shall not be accepted.

For the purpose of clarifying certain issues, a pre-bid conference will be held **on October 1, 2003, 2:00 P.M.** at the **PNOC Mini Theatre, 7th Floor, Bldg. 6, Energy Center, Merritt Road, Ft. Bonifacio, Taguig, Metro Manila.**

The public bidding shall incorporate the electronic bid submission, using the ITBF system.

PNOC EC reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informality therein, or to accept such bids or to award any part thereof to any bidder/s whose bid/s is/are considered most advantageous to PNOC EC.

This publication is also posted in our website at www.pnoc-ec.com.ph and in the DBM website at www. procurementservices.net.

(Sgd.) RICARDO S. BASALLO, JR.
Chairman
Contracts Award Committee

(PDI - September 14, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

CORPORATION FINANCE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF :
: **APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF**
3H FINANCE AND INVESTMENT : **AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A**
CORPORATION : **FINANCING COMPANY**

NOTICE AND ORDER

Notice is hereby given that the above-named corporation has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to engage in financing business in accordance with Sections 2, 4, and 5 of the Rules and Regulations to Implement the Provisions of R.A. 8556 (The Financing Company Act of 1998). Its principal office shall be located at Unit 11, Lim-Bell Business Center #17 J.P. Rizal St., Cabuyao, Laguna

The applicant's capital structure is as follows:

Authorized Capital Stock	P2,500,000.00
Subscribed Capital Stock	860,000.00
Paid-up Capital Stock	485,000.00

According to the papers/documents presented, the following persons are the directors/officers of the corporation

Name	Position	Name	Position
Vladimir Ramirez	Chairman	Herminia Aldueza	Director
Silvana Magnayo	Director/President	Tirso Aldueza	Director
Celso Maligalig	Director/Vice President	Eduardo Bautista	Director
Elva Bautista	Director/Treasurer	Romeo Carlobo	Director
Ma. Rebecca Laza	Director/Secretary	Susan Maligalig	Director

This Notice and Order shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks and shall be simultaneously posted in a public and conspicuous place in the City/Municipality where the office of the company is proposed to be located and in the office of the Commission.

Any interested party may oppose the application in writing personally or through counsel within two (2) weeks after the last publication of the Notice. If the Commission finds that the requirements of R.A. 8556, the implementing Rules and Regulations and other pertinent laws have been complied with and no valid reason exists for the disapproval of the subject application, the Commission shall take appropriate action on said application.

SO ORDERED
August 29, 2003

(Sgd.) JUSTINA F. CALLANGAN
Director

(PDI – September 7 & 14, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES DILIMAN
Diliman, Quezon City

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND BID

Interested parties are invited to prequalify and bid for the selection of a proponent/developer for the **temporary** use, under Contract of Lease, of 6.23 hectares within the **University of the Philippines North S&T Park** situated at Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, as a Theme Park. Indicative lease period: **September 29, 2003** to **February 29, 2004** (5 months).

Interested parties are requested to submit the following documents not later than 5:00 p.m. of **September 22, 2003**, to the UP Diliman Development and Planning Committee (DPC) Secretariat: Director's Office, UP Institute for Small-Scale Industries (ISSI), 4/F Virata Hall, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City; Tel. No. **920-5301** to **99** loc. **4717**; or Tel. No. **920-6923, 927-9238**; Fax **927-1034** (c/o Ms. Ludy Cubillas); E-mail: lourdes.cubillas@up.edu.ph.

(1) Letter of Intent
(2) Project Concept that includes a detailed description of the proposed themes, features and activities of the project site, envisioned to promote awareness, inspiration and support among the University constituents and the park's target clientele for positive social, environmental, and educational values, among others.
(3) Company Profile
(4) Detailed List of Equipment and Installations proposed to be set up within the project site
(5) Detailed Site Development Plan
(6) Proposed Rental Amount/Consideration and Period of Lease

For inquiries, please contact the DPC Secretariat (address and contact details given above).

(Sgd.) **EMERLINDA R. ROMAN**
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(PDI - Sept. 14 & 15, 2003)

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Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition with this Office not later than 28 September 2003

(Sgd.) JOEL B. TAGAOTAO
Municipal Civil Registrar

(PDI - Sept. 14 & 21, 2003)

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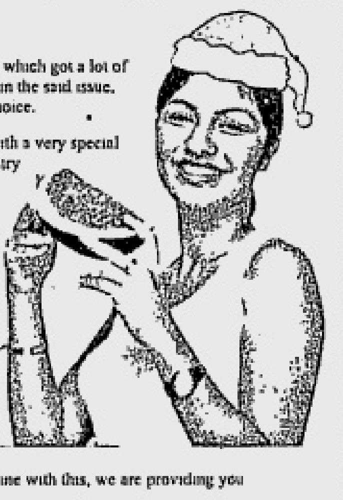

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Editor **Aries Espinosa**

PNB-RCL signs remittance tie-up with Bank Mandiri - HK branch

THE PNB Remittance Center Limited (PNB-RCL), Philippine National Bank's remittance subsidiary in Hong Kong, signed a remittance tie-up arrangement with Bank Mandiri (Persero) Hong Kong branch at the Conrad Hotel in Hong Kong.

Under the Indonesian Remittance Program, PNB-RCL's eight branches will act as collection points for remittances of Indonesian workers in Hong Kong, now numbering over 70,000 using PNB's Electronic Remittance Processing System. Meanwhile, Bank Mandiri Hong Kong will remit the funds collected by PNB-RCL to the workers' beneficiaries in Indonesia using Bank Mandiri's network of branches.

Bank Mandiri is the largest and most profitable bank in Indonesia with 650 domestic branches and 3,000 Automated Tellering Machine (ATMs). It is a product of a merger of four former state-owned Indonesian banks.

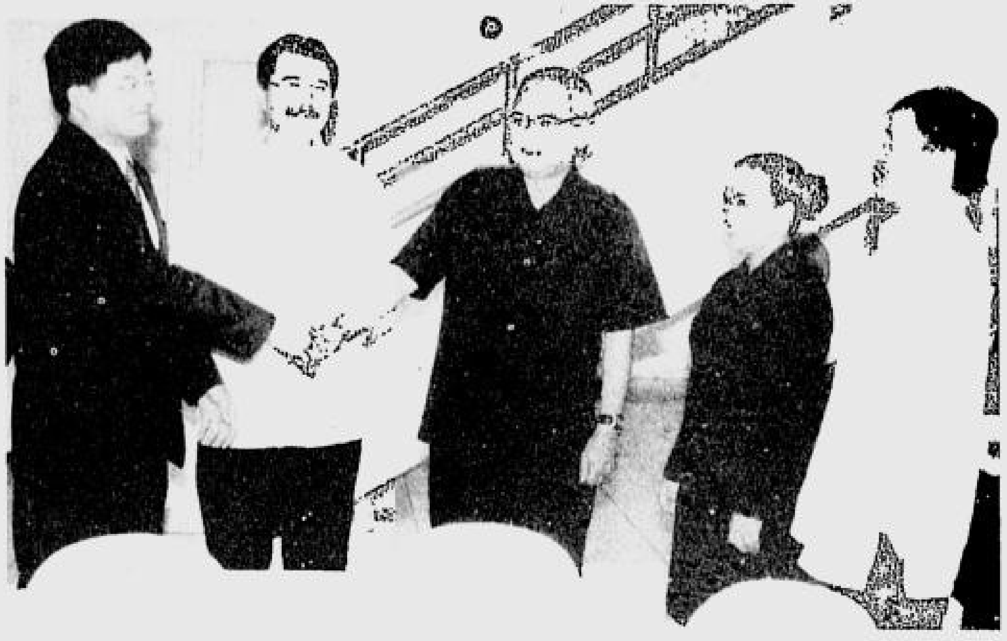
PNB president Lorenzo Tan welcomes the remittance program as it maximizes the remittance facilities of eight PNB RCL branches in Hong Kong located at Wings Building in Queen's Road, at Worldwide House (3 branches) and EuroTrade Centre in Des Voeux Road - Central, in North Point, Tsim sha Tsui - Kowloon and Tsuen Wan, NTR. PNB will open additional remittance shops, particularly in the Causeway Bay area, to serve the growing number of Indonesian migrant workers in Hong Kong, numbering over 78,000.

According to president Tan, "This remittance tie-up is one of PNB's initiatives to expand our free-based income business. We continue to look for opportunities in other areas so we can optimize in PNB's global search, world-class remittance facilities and strong brand."

Meanwhile, Bank Mandiri Hong Kong branch CEO Sumarna cites that the synergy in the tie-ups brings many advantages to Indonesian migrants in Hong Kong and their families back in Indonesia, "This partnership arrangement with PNB will help alleviate the burden of our Indonesian nationals who at the moment fall prey to the exploitation by non-bank remittance operators who charge exorbitantly high fees. Through the combined network of PNB remittance centers in Hong Kong and our domestic branches in Indonesia, they may now be able to send money to their relatives with ease plus added security of remitting funds using the banking channel."

Signing the memorandum of agreement from PNB is PNB-RCL general manager Rolando Cruz and witnessed by PNB Hong Kong group general manager and country head Danilo Flores and, from Bank Mandiri Hong Kong branch is general manager and CEO Sumarna and witnessed by its deputy general manager M. Yani.

PNB recently signed a Merchant Collection Service with Citibank Hong Kong wherein Overseas Filipino Workers in Hong Kong can remit their money through any of the 480 7-Eleven convenience stores in Hong Kong.



CENTER FOR TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE

Microsoft and the Virtual Center for Technology Innovation in Information Technology (VCT-IT) Unit of the DOST have created a training program to certify its professionals. The program is called the Center for Technology Excellence and is based at the computational science and research center in UP Diliman, Quezon City. In photo from left are Kevin Hou, Microsoft Phils. managing director; Fortunato dela Peña, DOST undersecretary for S and T devices; Dr. Francisco Nemenzo, UP president; Dr. Rhodora Azanza, UP College of Science dean and Dr. Jaime Caro, VCT-IT project leader.

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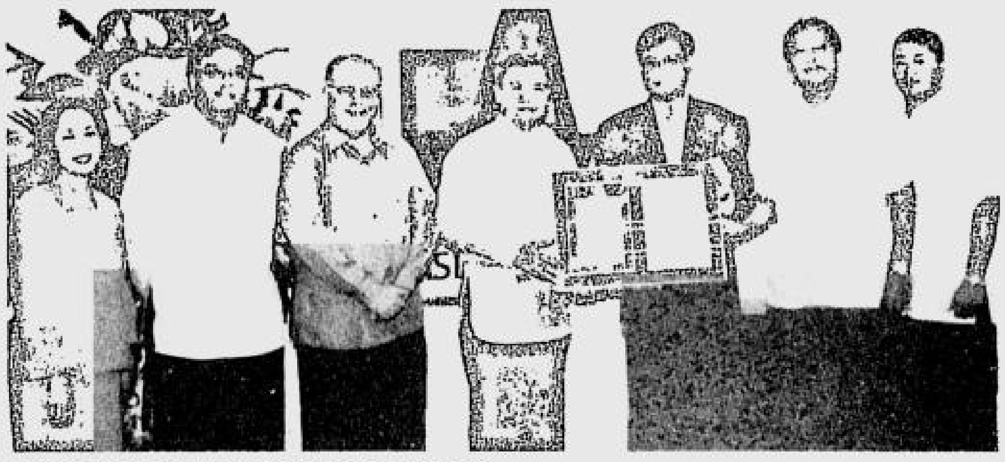
MAMA SITA'S JOINS PARADA NG MGA LECHON

Mama Sita's mixes and sauces joined the festive Parada ng mga Lechon in Balayan, Batangas, featuring roasted pigs dressed in black trench coats and black shades ala Matrix Reloaded. Marking the fourth time that the company participated in the annual celebration to hone the feast of St. John the Baptist, Mama Sita's sales and marketing team blitzed through the two-day festivities distributing product samples, leafleting, sponsoring events and conducting house-to-house selling activities. Shown in photo during the parade is the sales and marketing team of Mama Sita's in full black regalia. For more of Mama Sita's products, log on to www.msita.com.



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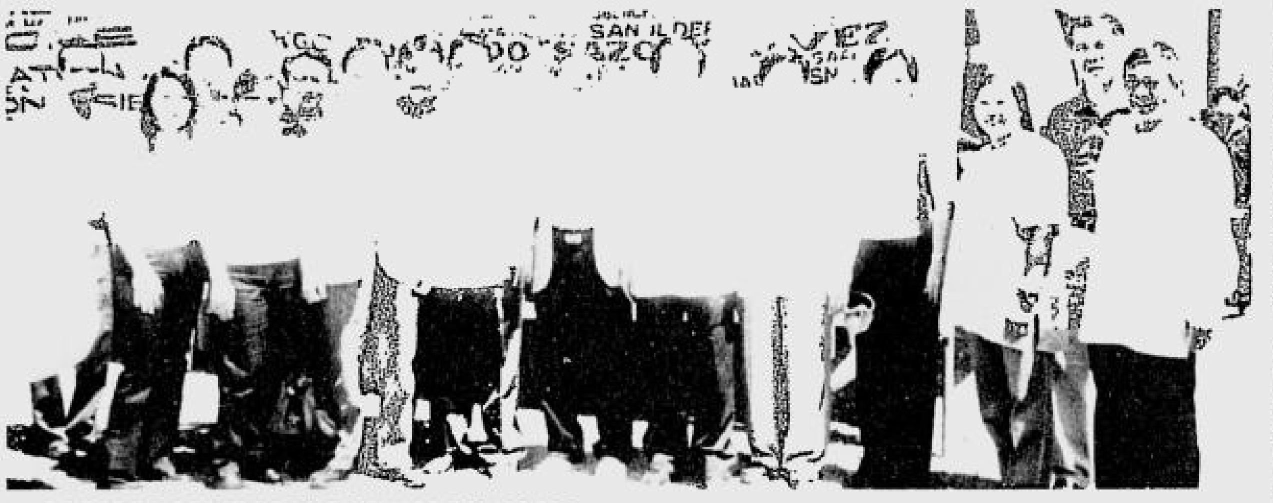

BCIA HOLDS MEDICAL DENTAL MISSION

Photo shows the medical and dental mission conducted by Bulacan Commercial Industrial Association Inc. (BCIA) at San Ildefonso, Bulacan last March 30. Headed by the president of BCIA Joseph Lim Bon Huan, supported by his wife Janie Lim and fellow Filipino-Chinese members of BCIA.

WG&A SuperFerry supports the 2nd National Media Summit

WG&A SuperFerry has supported the "2nd National Media Summit" held at the Bayview Park Hotel, along Roxas Boulevard in Manila. The three-day tri-media event was attended by 300 delegates composed of press club presidents and officers, publishers, editors, columnists, broadcast station managers, news directors, government information officers, campus writers and other countryside media personalities.

With this year's theme "Media's Role in Times of Crisis, Towards a Strong Republic," the annual media gathering is under the auspices of the Federation of Provincial Press Clubs of the Philippines (FPPCP), in cooperation with the Publishers and Editors League of the Philippines (Pelp). Organized in 1960 by the late Ermin Garcia Sr., the FPPCP is the biggest group of provincial tri-media organizations in the country. The 1st National Media Summit was held last 2001 at Boracay Island in Aklan.

Relevant and current issues such as the crises besetting our country today and the international community like the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (Sars) and terrorism were discussed. The delegates also tackled criminality in urban centers as well as the ongoing war in Mindanao and its effects on the tourism industry and the economy. Invited speakers/panelists during the summit were top government officials and respected local media leaders.

Thirty five media colleagues and their respected media outfits/organizations were awarded special citations for braving dangers and offering their lives in defending and safeguarding the "freedom of the press." These were done despite the threats, risks and odds from their so-called "enemies", while continuing with their significant roles as purveyors of news and information to uphold the tenets of democratic principles.

Press groups such as the College Editors Guild of the Philippines (CEGP), Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (Focap). Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster sa Pilipinas (KBP), Manila Overseas Press Club (MOPC), National Press Club (NPC), National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) and the Philippine Press Institute (PPI) were present during the affair.

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THESE days, it really pays to read the business section. Sorting through the numbers and the economic mumbo-jumbo, however, hasn't been an easy proposition. Prime Magazine is here to help you sort it all out in a language that won't require an interpreter, and more. The magazine, published by the Bank Marketing Association of the Philippines, offers the public an untinted, uncurtained, unblocked window to the world of banking and finance. It is a business features magazine, an investment handbook, a lifestyle and leisure guide, and an events chronicler all rolled into one.

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Bristol-Myers Squibb scholarship awardees

BRISTOL-Myers Squibb, a global pharmaceutical company, awarded financial assistance and scholarships to 78 deserving children in line with its annual Scholarship and Educational Assistance Program.

"The program recognizes children of Bristol-Myers Squibb employees who have displayed academic excellence. We also honor the parents who work hard to ensure their children receive quality education," shares Kasper Jakobsen, president and general manager of Mead Johnson Philippines, the nutritional company of Bristol-Myers Squibb.

In existence for the past 14 years, the program provides educational assistance in two ways: full scholarships and financial assistance. Scholars are determined by qualifying weighted averages while financial assistance grantees are students who despite best efforts do not meet the qualifying grade level.

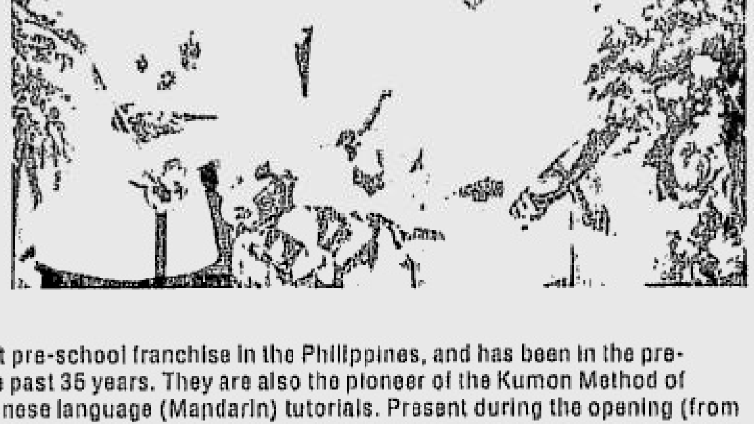
Of the 28 awardees this year, 62 are scholars while 16 are financial assistance grantees.

Jakobsen adds, "We have always said that the children are our future. I therefore think it is great that Mead Johnson as a company has been able to provide members of its family with such assistance because this ensures that our children's prospects are brighter as we initiate their development."

Mead Johnson Philippines is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bristol-Myers Squibb. "The program remains true to our mission of extending and enhancing human life by providing the highest quality of pharmaceuticals and health care products," Jakobsen said.

NEW PAPER FOR OFWS

A newspaper which aims to bring migrant Filipino workers closer to home is now off the press. Called Pinoy Balita, the tabloid aims to quench the thirst of Overseas Filipino Workers for news, information and knowledge especially of matters from home. It will serve as the newsletter through which they can communicate with their families, the government and their countrymen. It was launched by the same group of Korean Christian businessmen who helped organize the United Pinoy Association in Korea (Upak). Photo shows President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo congratulating Dr. Ik Jin Chang of Upak and publisher of Pinoy Taliba-Korea during her state visit in South Korea last June 2 to 4.



SHS OPENS ORTIGAS BRANCH

EduWorld, Sacred Heart School Franchise Organization, opened its 9th metropolis branch at City Center, Ortigas Ave. Sacred Heart School - Children's Activity Center is a franchise branch under the supervision of Mary Ann Alcantara, school directress. SHS has 13 branches nationwide. Sacred Heart School is the first pre-school franchise in the Philippines, and has been in the preschool business for the past 35 years. They are also the pioneer of the Kumon Method of teaching and offers Chinese language (Mandarin) tutorials. Present during the opening (from left): Gov. Senero Alcantara, former Governor of Catanduanes; Sonia Roco, representing former education secretary Raul Roco; Ma. Rosario Tambunting-Juan, SHS president; and Ma. Rowena Matti, EduWorld director.

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She sold her possessions to put up a school and triumph over a crisis

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

THERE is a Japanese proverb that goes: "If you fall down seven times, stand up eight."

Nelia Cruz Sarcol may not have heard of the proverb, but she certainly lived it.

This former flight attendant overcame obstacle after obstacle to build her school in Cebu, the Centre for International Education Global Colleges, into what it is today an innovator in education in the Philippines.

Sarcol is the original proponent of the Gear Theory of Curriculum Design and Instructional Blueprint.

The seed of the CIE Global Colleges with its English boarding school look, was planted in 1987. In the depths of depression due to a personal crisis, Nelia sold everything she owned for a 2,500 square meter property where she planned to build her school.

"I was having personal problems at that time and I felt that I needed to prove to people that I could make it on my own, so I sold my property, jewelry, car, watches and even my Christian Dior cocktail dresses to raise funds for the school," Sarcol says in an interview.

In her early 20s, she lived in the property, which had an old house, alone for months. She would cry herself to sleep almost every night, feeling that she was at the lowest point of her life.

"I had no bed in that old house, just an electric fan, a one-burner stove and a couple of pots and pans, but I was determined to make a success out of it," she says.

With the help of a loyal *yaya* and friends, she was able to spruce up the place to make it look good enough so that people would entrust their children with her and her school, which she envisioned to be more advanced and different from what Cebu offered at that time.

THE SCHOOL in Cebu looks more like a hotel.

Sarcol felt that she could make good her plan because she was already successfully running a nursery school—Child Development Centre-Cebu—for at least a year.

The nursery school, which she set up the previous year with 18 students, was bringing in enough money to bankroll the continued improvements she made on the bigger school.

When the basics were in place, she opened in June 1987 with five teachers, a secretary and a school nurse.

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Cross your fingers for complete F4 show in March

By Marinel R. Cruz

THIS early, local producers are negotiating for the return in March of Vaness Wu and Ken Zhu of the popular Taiwanese quartet F4, or Flower 4, together with their bandmates Jerry Yan and Vic Zhuo.

Vaness and Ken and their "Meteor Garden" co-star Barbie Xu performed in a concert called "The Event" at the Philsports football field last Saturday. Jerry and Vic had a show in Taiwan on the same day.

The arrangements for the March show were revealed by an official of the ABS-CBN, who asked not to be identified. The network had the exclusive rights to cover and interview the Taiwanese stars last week.

The quartet is in the cast of the phenomenal Taiwanese show "Meteor Garden," aired daily on ABS-CBN.

In "Meteor Garden," Jerry is Dao Ming Shi, Vic is Hua Ze Lei, Vanness is Mei Zhuo and Ken is Xi-Men. Barbie is Shan Cai.

Vaness, Ken and Barbie arrived last Friday on board two China Airlines flight from Taiwan. They will fly back home at 9 a.m. today.

INQUIRER Entertainment also learned that actor and TV host Richard Gomez is set to interview Jerry Yan in Taiwan later this week. Jerry is the newest image model of Bench, a Philippine line of clothes for the young.

Richard, one of the hosts of GMA 7's show biz talk show "S Files," is also a Bench model.

SEEING DOUBLE. While the real Ken (left, in green) and Vaness emerge from the Taiwan plane, local version of Ken (center) and an unseen Vaness are used to divert the fans at Naia. Also on Friday, "Meteor Garden" co-star Barbie Xu and her sister Dee arrived earlier. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO, RUDY ESPERAS

JOHN RITTER IS DEAD

Actor John Ritter, best known for his character Jack in the 1977 TV sitcom "Three's Company," died of a heart problem in Los Angeles last Thursday, Sept. 11, after falling ill on the set of his new show, "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter." The actor, who was 54, was the son of country music legend Tex Ritter. On "Three's Company," he was with Suzanne Sommers and Joyce DeWitt. AP

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Ryan Agoncillo, one of the hosts of Studio 23's daily morning wake-upper, "Breakfast," was seen with his pretty girlfriend at Rockwell's Power Plant Mall last Wednesday night. Ryan also hosts, with **Pia Guanio**, Cinema One's "Review Night" on SkyCable.

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KORINA Sanchez is feeling combative.

And, as she is the prized anchor of ABS-CBN's "TV Patrol," her station has gone to combat for her.

ABS-CBN has written to the INQUIRER editor in chief, entertainment editor, ombudsman, and myself—duly noting that it has copy-furnished its own legal department—protesting last Sunday's "Juice" column and demanding an apology.

I think not.

An apology will miss the truth by a mile.

Korina as anchor

The first point ABS makes is that "Ms Sanchez was not even the anchor of 'TV Patrol' on May 22, 2003."

I never said she was. I never even said who the field reporter was. The reason being that the kids who told me the sorry story about their 17-year-old schoolmate who died on May 22 couldn't remember—and truly couldn't care less—who was anchor or field reporter of some news program that day.

It may be news to TV anchors, but they are not the center of everybody else's universe. To the kids I sat down with, the anchors were in fact talking heads they couldn't tell one from the other. What remained the center of their universe—the universe we sat down to understand together—is their young friend who passed away on that May day. Everyone else, including Korina Sanchez, was an accidental detail.

However, the reason I single her out is because she is the face and the name of the show, with my exact words saying as much: "As TV Patrol's main anchor, Korina must take serious responsibility for the top-rating show."

See, I now find it strange that Korina will have nothing to do with the May 22 coverage, which can only mean she's ashamed of it, and yet she was never heard to set things right in the days after and hasn't been heard to say a thing about that flawed coverage today.

If, indeed, she is the righteous journalist she makes herself out to be, then the first thing she should be putting right with a vengeance is the show where she is the face and name. If she doesn't, that must be because in the hierarchy of work at "TV Patrol," she is in fact superfluous? In other words, except for looking groomed, she brings in nothing to the show? Or in still other words, she is simply a talking head?

But that would be, again, strange.

For Korina has built her entire celebrity on being anchor of ABS-CBN, with "TV Patrol" her flagship program today. She cloaks herself with the fame that comes with being host to the top-rating news program, strides centerstage to accept what trophy, plaque, citation the show racks up, signs up for lucrative endorsements on the strength of that very same post, and generally laps up the perk and the power that attach themselves to a show on prime time at "the Philippines' largest network."

Now, her defense is that she wasn't there? Is she saying then that, if she was, the sorry coverage would never have aired?

Or is this a simple case of taking in the fame and none of the flak? Of taking the money but not the responsibility?

A case of washing one's hands off something potentially troublesome? Of leaving all those lesser names to take the heat?

Sensitivity ratio

The ABS-CBN letter, signed by "TV Patrol's" past and present executive producers, says: "We reported the story in a sensitive and straightforward manner, aware of our responsibilities to our viewers."

No, the kids don't think so.

These kids were very upset, and remain so to this moment. For three days running at the wake, they were talking about nothing but the "terrible" coverage. Their parents and other friends and the parents of those other friends were grieving and yet practically holding meetings at the wake, so incensed were they. They had wanted an apology from "TV Patrol."

Right up to the day of their young friend's cremation, they remained extremely agitated. There they spoke out, searching for their own answers, resolved to get restitution from the media. But later, they say, they acceded to the prayer of the young girl's mother, the person everyone knows was most hurt by all the talk about her daughter, that they "let things be."

ABS-CBN notes: "The report indeed mentioned of [?] the possibility of the victim being pregnant, but this was a factual narration of an angle being looked into by the police investigators and not a mere imagined theory by the reporter. It was never suggested in the report that 'the girl was a mental case.'"

Honestly, even I want to believe that. There is everything to lose by insisting that members of the same profession would be so callous as to ruin the name and reputation of a young girl for the sake of the ratings game. Without doubt, this demeans us all.

But I called this one as the young girl's friends saw it.

And now I call it as her own father sees it.

The girl's father

James, a 47-year-old Singaporean with a refined manner of speech, is a painfully private person who would rather not speak at all. But he understands that the question of who is telling the truth here has been raised.

And he says: "On the day itself, I did not see the coverage. I was preparing for her wake. But what her classmates told you was exactly what I was told as well. The kids were very upset. They wanted to form a Justice for ----- group, and at a certain point they had prepared for their TV interview on Channel 4."

For his part, he says: "I was prepared to speak out. But at some time, I was advised, counseled, we might be taking on media giants. This is a long haul. A lawyer-friend said, 'Look at the case of **Louie Beltran** and **Cory Aquino**.' Then there is the appeals period and the pain of going through that again . . . But the mother can't wake up to a new day. Her pain is much more than mine. And she asked that I keep silent. She did not want our daughter talked about in media again."

The offensive footage

ABS-CBN says: "We also take exception to Ms Maglipon's comment that the newscast 'showed (the victim's stomach) in [?] full and long because the camera stayed with the girl as hands flipped her for a fuller view and then pulled up her shirt."

Earlier, the station writes: "We find it unfair for Ms Maglipon to give her conclusion perhaps without even watching the said newscast."

Indeed, I'd informed people at ABS that I did not see the footage myself. It was the kids I interviewed who did.

Of this, let me just say that if every journalist had to actually see something before she can report about it, then no one can even be writing about **Ninoy Aquino's** killing because, in truth, no journalist actually saw it happen. And "TV Patrol" itself couldn't exist because half the time it comes after the commission of the crime. Fact is, journalists rely heavily on witnesses, as I have with the story of the young girl.

But more to the point, "TV Patrol" did foul in showing the young girl's belly.

As her father puts it: "A person falls from the 24th floor and they question why her belly was bloated? It was not! Is that all they know? And, yes, in the Philippine Star, in the photograph she was fully clothed. In ABS, her pajama was lifted."

Sharing grief

ABS-CBN would like the public to know that: "With the tragic death of this young victim, we share the anguish of the deceased's loved ones."

I say: Do you really?

Even I admit to the guilt of knowing no other way to clear the air with ABS-CBN but to use more of the painful details of the death of a young girl I never met, dredging up again all the emotional turmoil for family and friends, a whole community, if truth be told, still searching for their peace.

In fact, her father says to me: "The little that you are writing now, it's bits and pieces. If I am to be permitted humbly to suggest, I would rather that you get the whole picture. If you could please wait? My daughter's friends would like to speak to you. And together, we can talk about all the questions and all the things that anyone would still like to know. Please, if you can have the time, we can do that. So that media would have truth to report, not speculation and sensationalism."

He ends with, "In the meantime, we pray that we can put this matter to rest, and let the family and loved ones be at peace and not to further cause undue pain."

Erwin in context

As for **Erwin Tulfo**, ABS-CBN says that I took his comments out of context.

Pray, what other context do you need for a barefaced comment like: "*Kaya kayo diyan, huwag kayong mag*-ala **Sonny Parsons**. *Hindi ito pelikula!*"? Said right after reading the news about a security guard who shot it out with a gang to defend jeepney passengers he didn't know at all?

It is stretching the imagination to believe that Erwin "was just trying to warn the other security personnel not to follow [?] what the security guards should immediately turn over the situation to the proper authorities and not take the matters into their own hands like what local action figure Sonny Parsons [?] did when he fearlessly faced off with robbers in his house."

When your intent is to warn, if your goal is to express sympathy, you don't sneer at the man's act and you definitely don't make the dead man look like a fool before the world. At the very least, as a broadcaster you have to find the words to do that. It's called earning your keep.

And what context could I possibly have missed with: "*E bakit pa kasi sa batis . . . Di na lang sa ilalim ng puno ng mangga?*" Said right after reading the news about a supposed love triangle and two men dead?

I did not question the fairness and accuracy of his reportage. Like everybody else, I do not know the facts first hand and am hostage to what ABS-CBN reports. But I do question the kind of sensibility that can play with—be flippant, be insouciant, be cold—to a human tragedy like love and death.

I saw for myself Mr. Tulfo report on those two. What I did not see, and did not know, was that the unnamed field reporter who covered the story of the young girl who died from a fall from the 24th floor of Platinum 2000 was, again, Mr. Erwin Tulfo.

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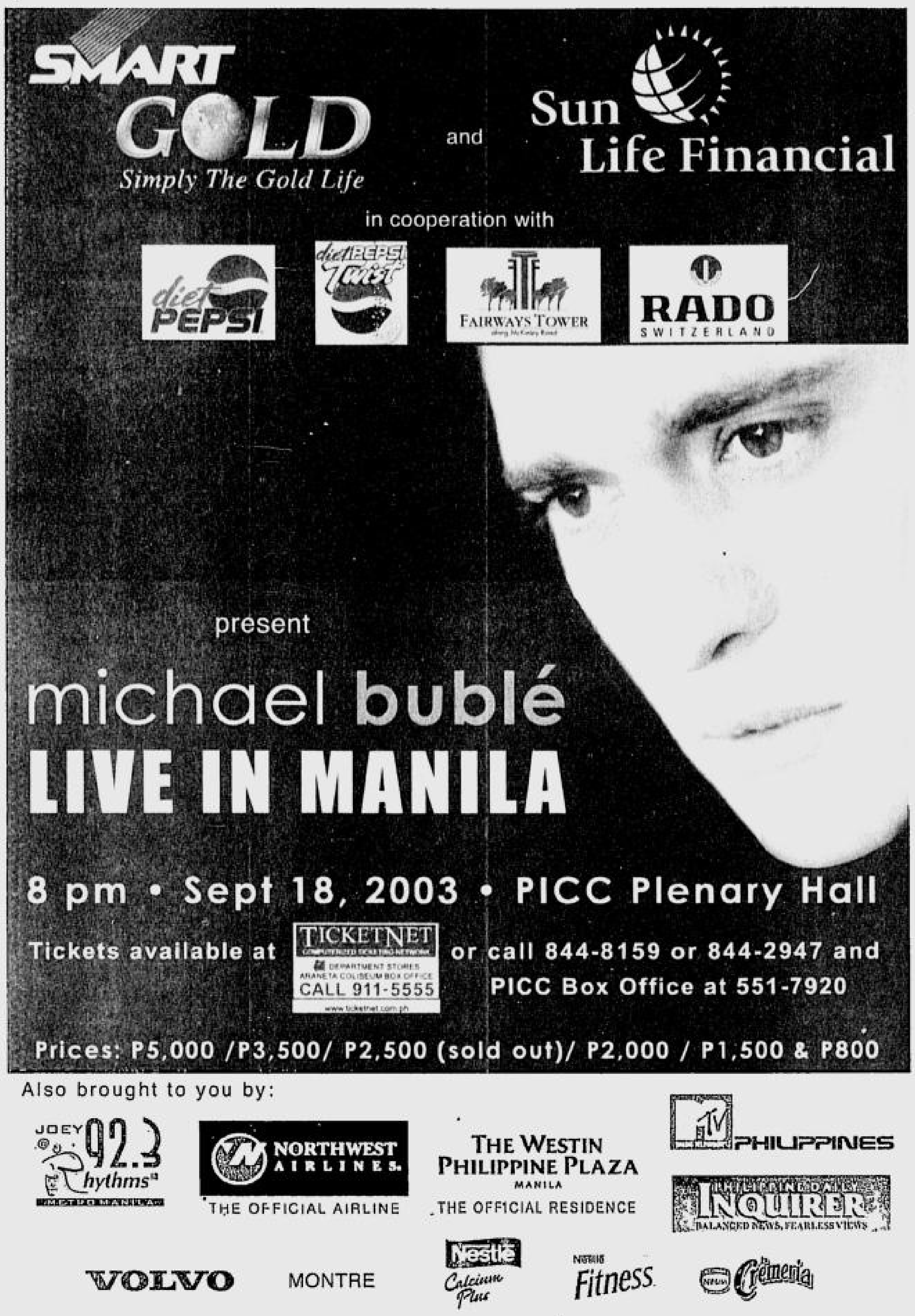

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Imaginative visualizations enliven 'Sinbad'

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

AFTER "Finding Nemo" reasserted the popularity of animated features by ringing up the biggest box-office grosses to date this year, it's "Sinbad's" turn to tickle many viewers' fancy with its great visuals, interesting characters, imaginative situations and brisk storytelling.

This new version of the old legend about adventure and fantasy on the high seas has Sinbad (voiced by Brad Pitt) becoming fast friends with princely Proteus. However, this doesn't prevent him from stealing a priceless magical book from Proteus' ship, thus enraging his friend's beloved, Marina (voiced by Catherine Zeta-Jones).

The plot thickens when the evil Goddess of Chaos (Michelle Pfeiffer) also covets the book and has her monster-minions foil Sinbad's plan to sell it to the highest bidder, so that he and his crew of pirates can retire and live the good life in Fiji.

As Sinbad is tried for stealing the old tome, nobody believes him when he swears that it's no longer in his possession. But the court grants him 10 days to get the book back, because Proteus volunteers to suffer the consequences of Sinbad's "crime," should he fail to return in time from his mission.

On his ship, Sinbad discovers that Marina has stowed away to make sure that he does what he's promised her fiance. Initially, he resents her presence like heck, but he changes his mind when she saves the ship from being smashed to bits against some huge rocks.

This long sequence is the movie's highlight, because it combines truly prodigious animation, danger, courage and telling changes in the characters of Sinbad and Marina.

Another visually striking sequence involves a giant eagle that threatens to kill Marina with its sharp talons. The visualization of the Goddess of Chaos is also creatively done, with Sinbad's prime nemesis depicted as an evil sprite, constantly changing form and confounding our anti-hero at every turn.

Other plus points: Marina being characterized as a feisty woman, standing up to Sinbad and eventually making him realize the folly of his ways. A textured cast of supporting characters, most of them pirates belonging to Sinbad's crew. And well-conceptualized fantasy, adventure and dramatic situations that keep viewers engaged and entertained.

We saw "Sinbad" with a friend who said he generally didn't like watching animated features. While viewing the movie, however, he found himself being caught up in its action, adventure and interesting character relationships. So, at the end of the film, he had become a fan, admitting that full-length cartoons have come a long way. They sure have.

Shows

Heart Evangelista performs at SM Southmall on Sept. 14 and SM City Manila on Sept. 21.

On ANC 21's "The Power of Healing" at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 24; guests include cancer specialist Dr. Bernie Martinez, a teacher with chronic bronchial asthma, and a chemist with breast cancer.

Promising acts

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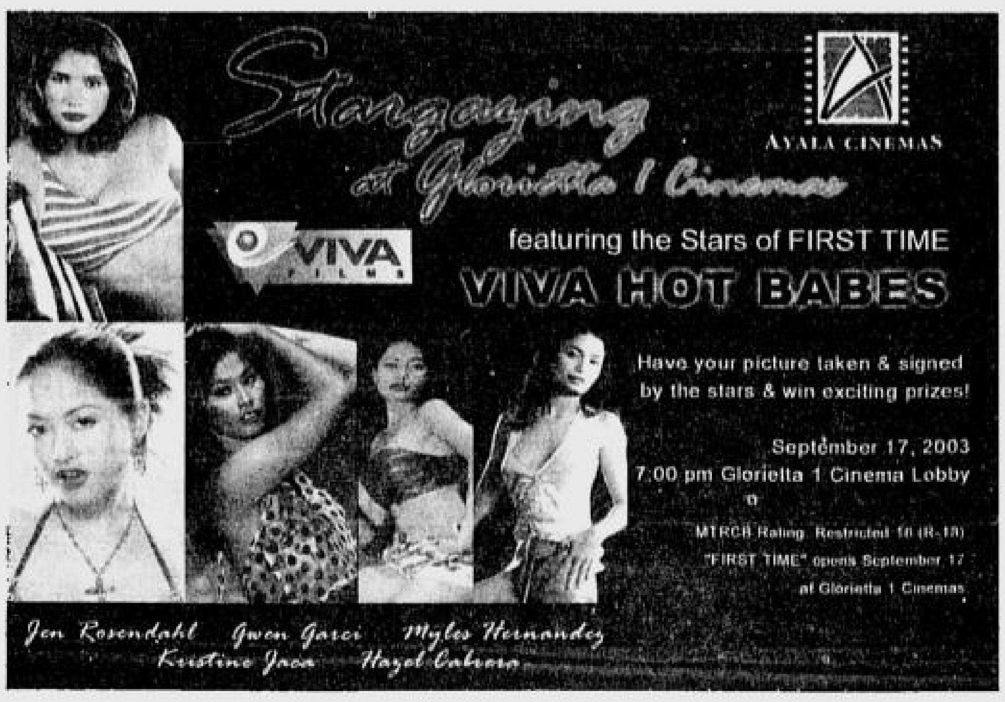
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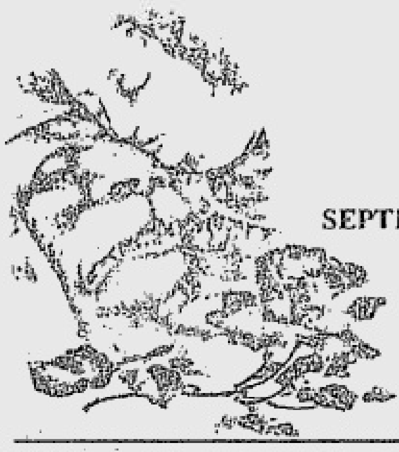

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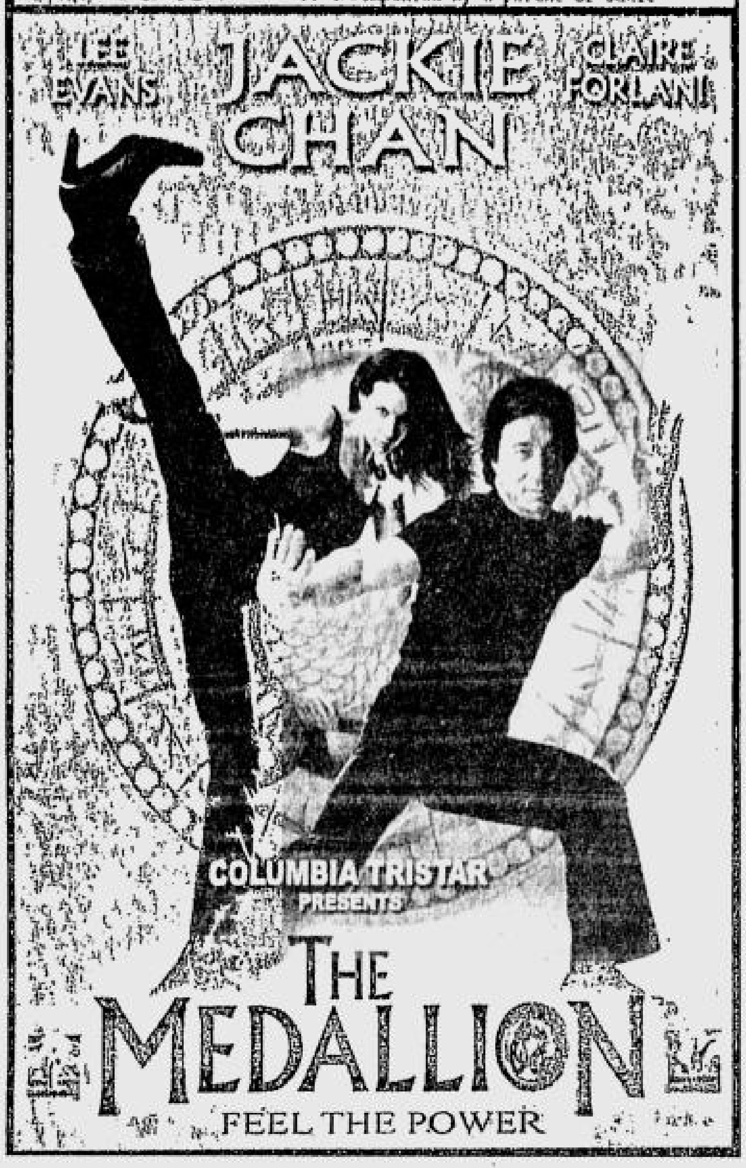
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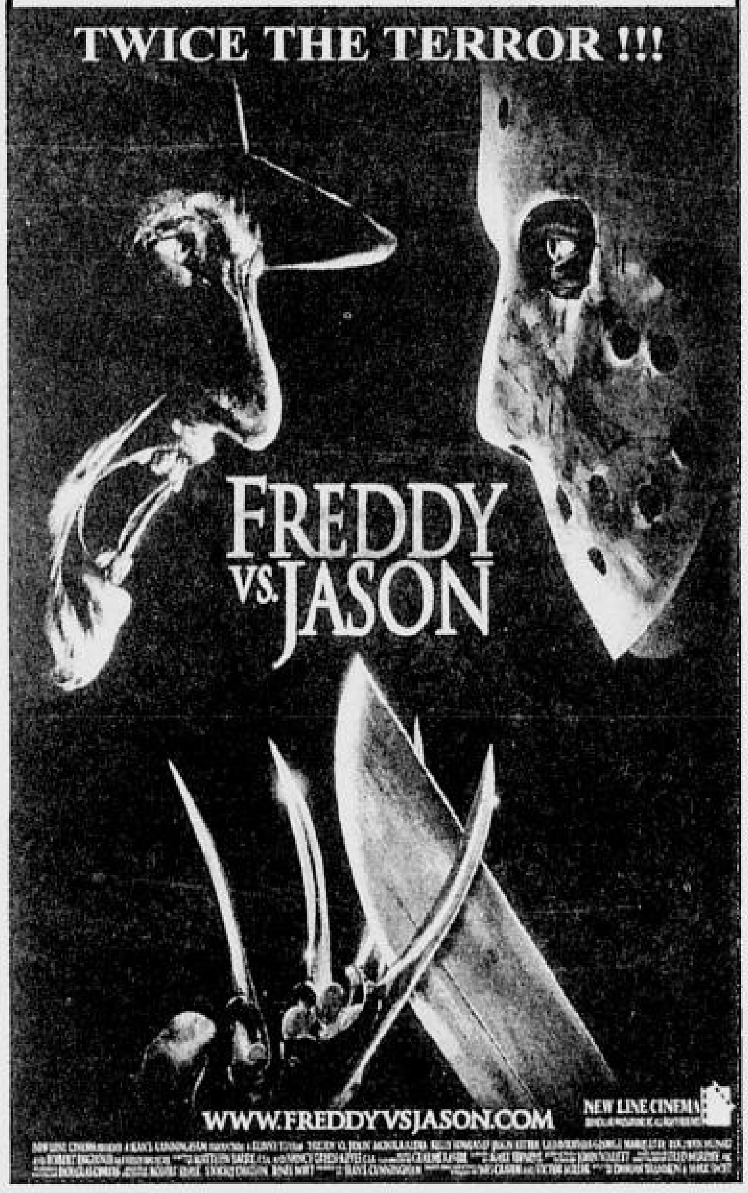
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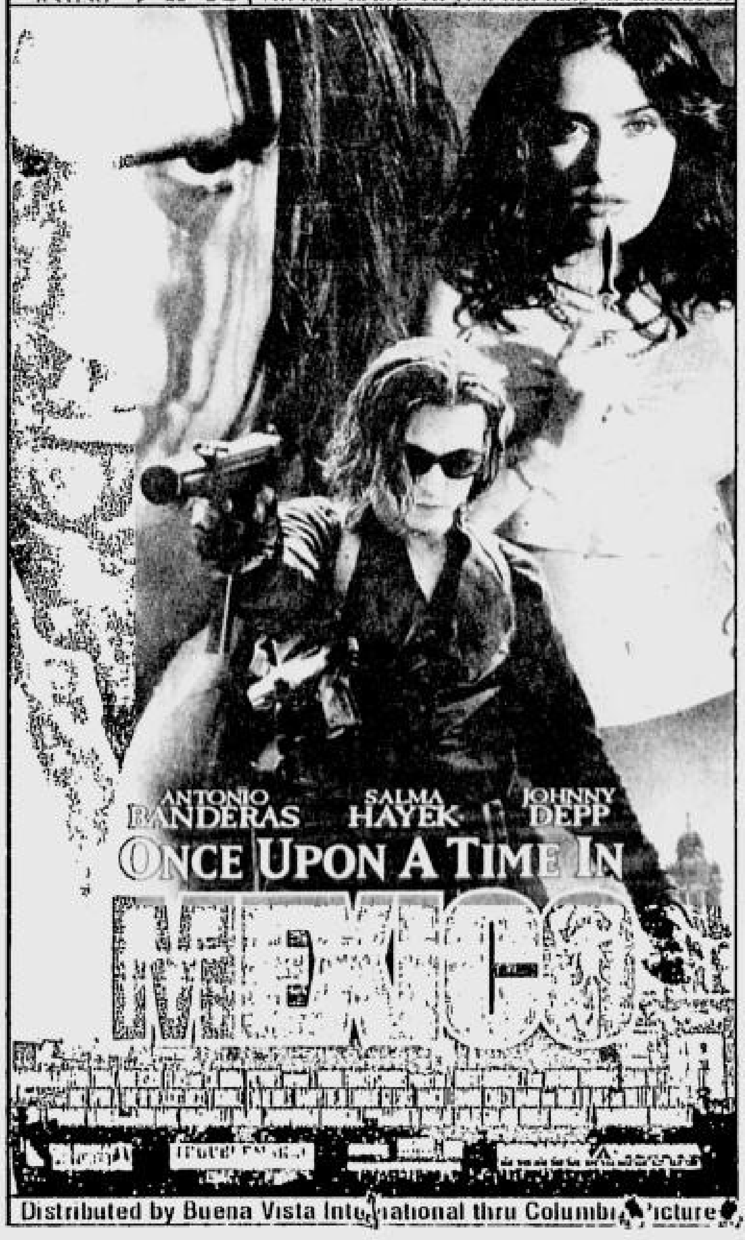
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More nominations, busy days for Nina

SHOW TIME

SOUL siren Nina, named Best New Female Artist for 2003 by MTV Pilipinas and Aliw Awards, recently joined ABS-CBN's Sunday noontime show, "Asap Mania," where she will be seen every week.

The singer of such hits as "Jealous," "2nd Floor" and "Foolish Heart," Nina has also been nominated in the upcoming Awit Awards for best performance by a female recording artist, song of the year, best produced record of the year and best R&B music, all for "2nd Floor," written by Arnie Mendaros.

"2nd Floor" is in Nina's solo album, "Heaven." The album has been certified platinum.

Since the album's launch in July last year, 22-year-old Nina has become one of the hottest young singers in the local entertainment scene.

Nina will hold a show in Bulacan on Sept. 5, Edsa Shangri-La Mall in Mandaluyong on Sept. 6, Bagaberde in Pasig on Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, Dish at Rockwell's Power Plant Mall on Sept. 10, Notre Dame in Caloocan on Sept. 11, Baguio City on Sept. 12, Goldilock's at SM Bacoor on Sept. 13, Hard Rock Café on Sept. 16, The Forum at The Podium on Sept. 17, Virgin Café on Tomas Morato on Sept. 24, and Aruba Bar in Libis on Sept. 25.

She will also perform in Cebu City with Jimmy Bondoc and Nyoy Volante on Sept. 19, Davao City with Jimmy and Nyoy on Sept. 20, and Mimosa with Nyoy and 17/28 Band on Sept. 27.

On Oct. 15, she will be the special guest in the launch of the CX6 Comedy Times Six at Funline Comedy Bar along Roxas Boulevard. CX6 Comedy Times Six is composed of stand-up comedians Reggie Raya, Chubbylita, Rick Rick Sabik, Titan, Joel and Ian Red.

For inquiries about Nina, please call Annabelle Regalado of E-Talent, Talent and Entertainment Productions, (63-2) 3741-055 or (0917) 8100-975.

NINA

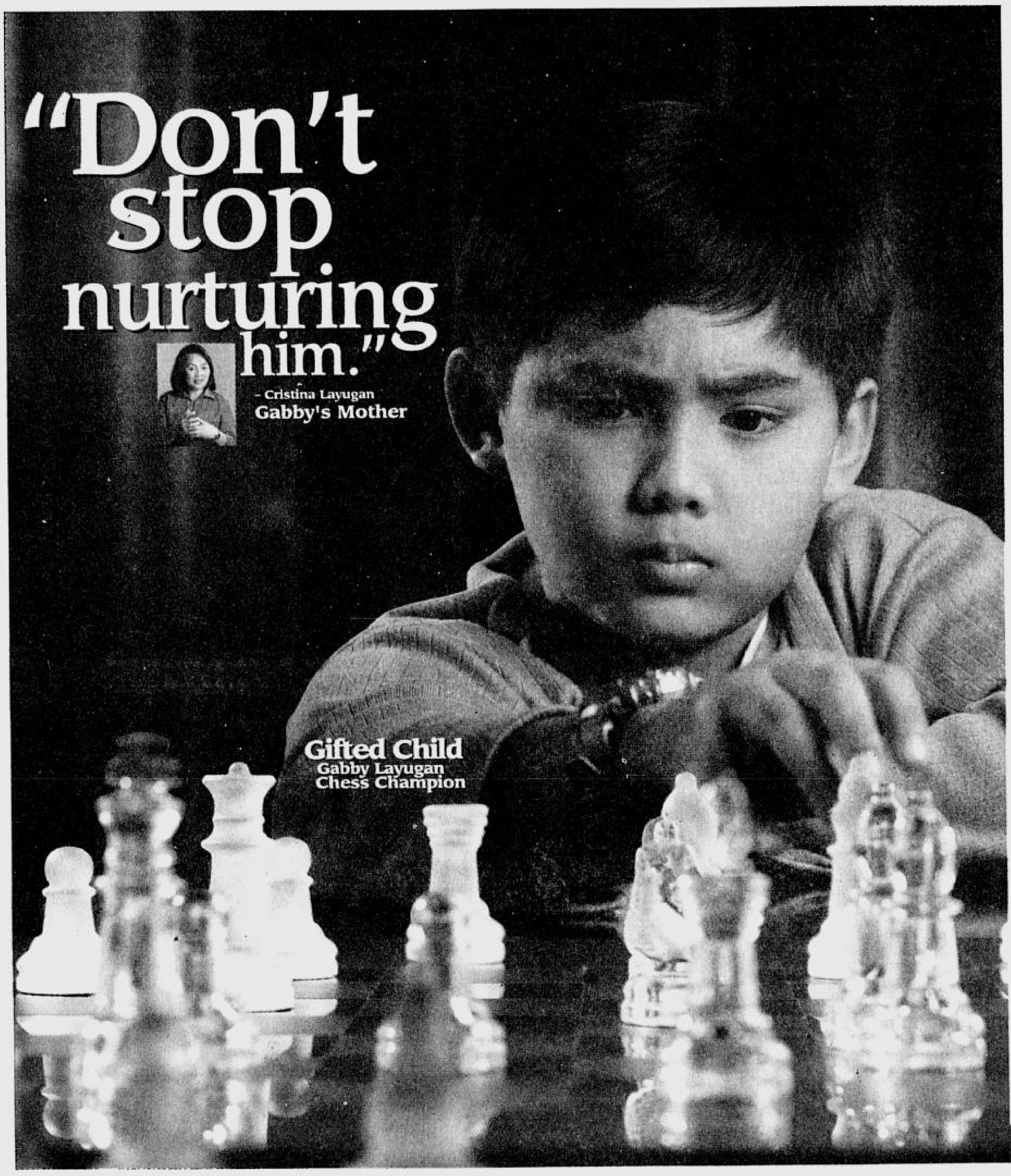
Michael Bublé live on 'Asap,' at Podium

MICHAEL Bublé, set to charm locals with a one-night concert on Sept. 18 at the PICC Plenary Hall, will be on ABS-CBN's "Asap Mania" and will later sign autographs at The Podium today.

After appearing on the noontime TV show, the music wonder from Canada will be signing autographs from 6 to 9 p.m. at the 2nd Level of The Podium at the Ortigas Center.

On Sept. 18, Bublé will sing his much talked about kind of music, including his versions of Frank Sinatra's "Come Fly With Me," Paul Anka's "Put Your Head on My Shoulder", Peggy Lee's "Fever," and Van Morrison's "Moondance," all from his best-selling debut album, which is in the Top 5 charts at Tower Records, Music One and O Music.

For inquiries about ticket reservations and sponsorship, call 844-8153 and 844-2906. Tickets are also available at all SM Ticketnet outlets (911-5555).



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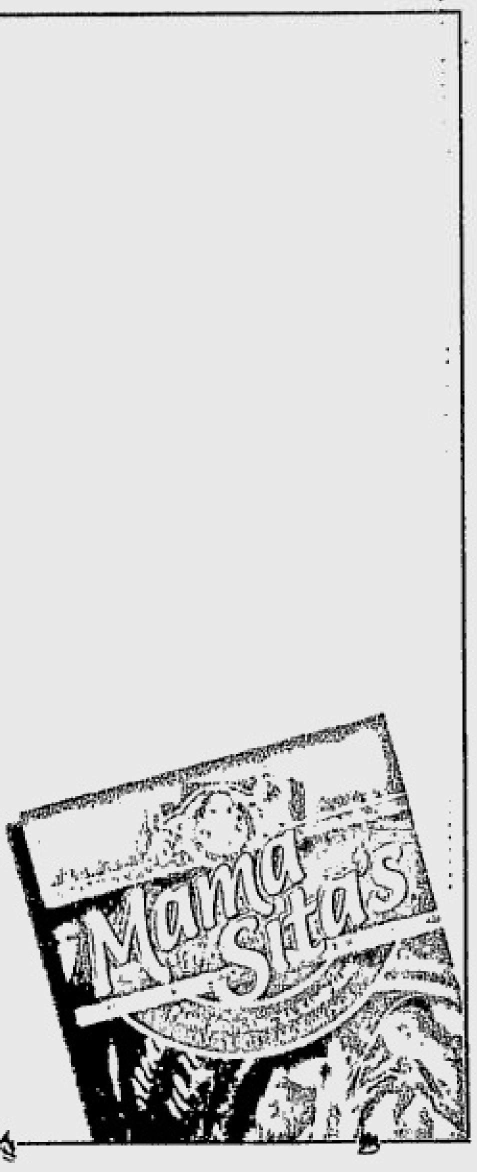

Imaginative...

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some promising acts.

Merk's Bar Bistro features fast-rising Anna Fegi on Mondays (Sept. 15, 22 and 29). Funnyman Jon Santos kicks off Merk's comedy series on Sept. 16 and 30.

Tuesdays and on Sept. 19, the featured entertainers are Silk and Steel, an acoustic trio. Wednesdays showcase Merk & Friends with Judith Banal in a mini jazzfest. Sept. 24 is Merk's anniversary day.

Piñacolada jams on Sept. 25. Saturdays belong to the party machine R.O.B. (Rest of the Boys). And Sept. 27 marks Merk's first anniversary with Acoustic Dream, R.O.B. and Forte performing.

Congratulations to Richard for proving that his kind of music can find a loyal niche audience here. Call 757-4720.

Over at Hard Rock Cafe, Sarah Geronimo sings on Sept. 18, with the Fil-American group Devotion as special guest. Devotion will have its own special showcase on Sept. 23.

On Sept. 18 and 23 Nyoy Volante with Mannos entertain the ladies in Girls' Night Out. On Sept. 30, the group will topbill the Mellow Touch Bar Tour.

Nightly, band performances at 9:30 p.m.: Monday, George. Tuesday, Soul. Wednesday, Degree. Thursday, Fluid. Friday, Intense. Saturday, Soulid. Sunday, 9MM. Call 893-4661.

For its part, Rivermaya is on a US tour this month:

Sept. 14, the Spy Club in San Jose. Sept. 19, The Banquet in Vallejo. Sept. 20, Naga Club in Long Beach. Sept. 21, The Scene in San Diego.

Sept. 26, the Philippine Cultural Center in Virginia Beach. Sept. 27, Club New York in Manhattan.

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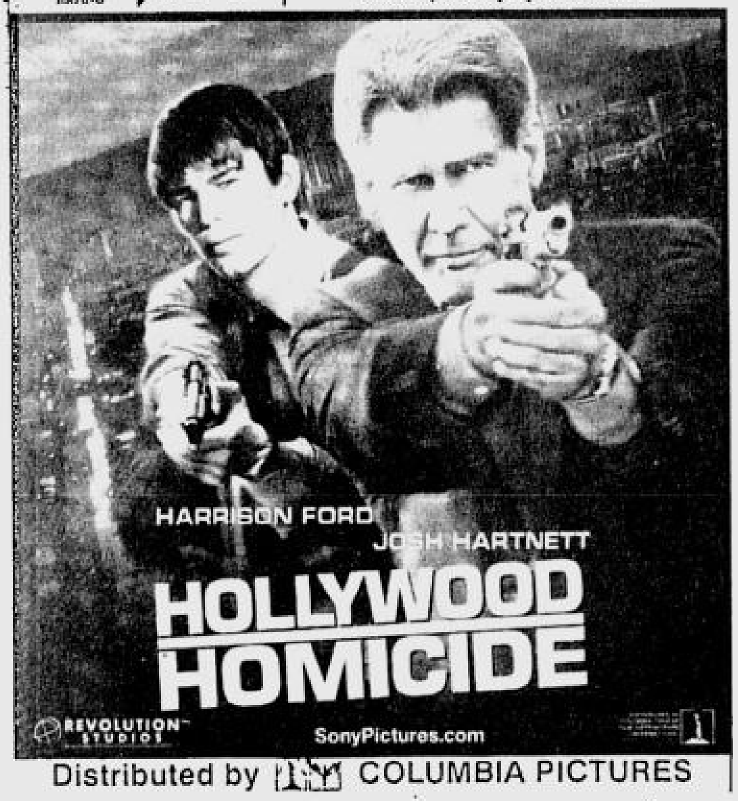
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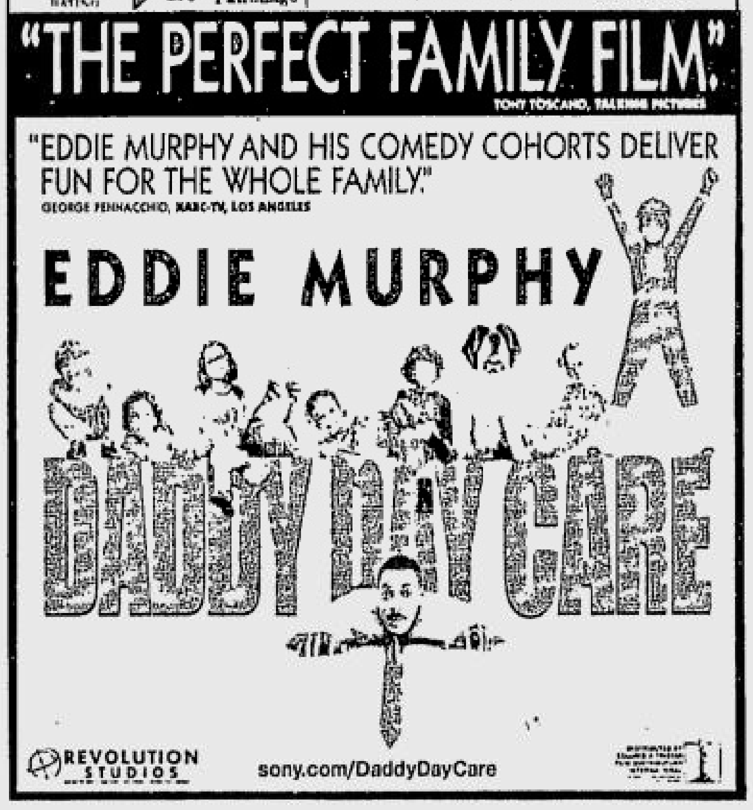
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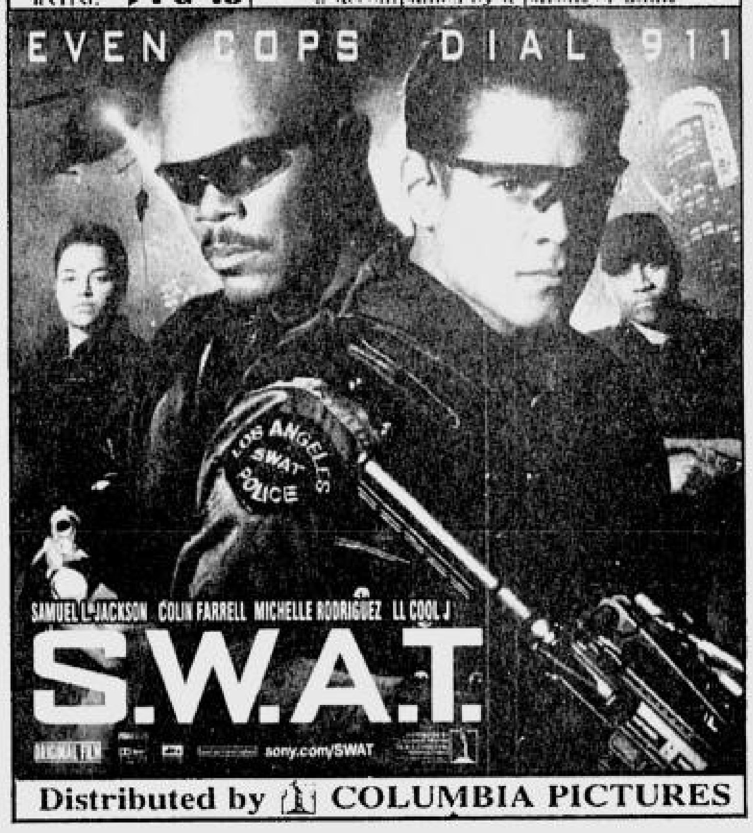
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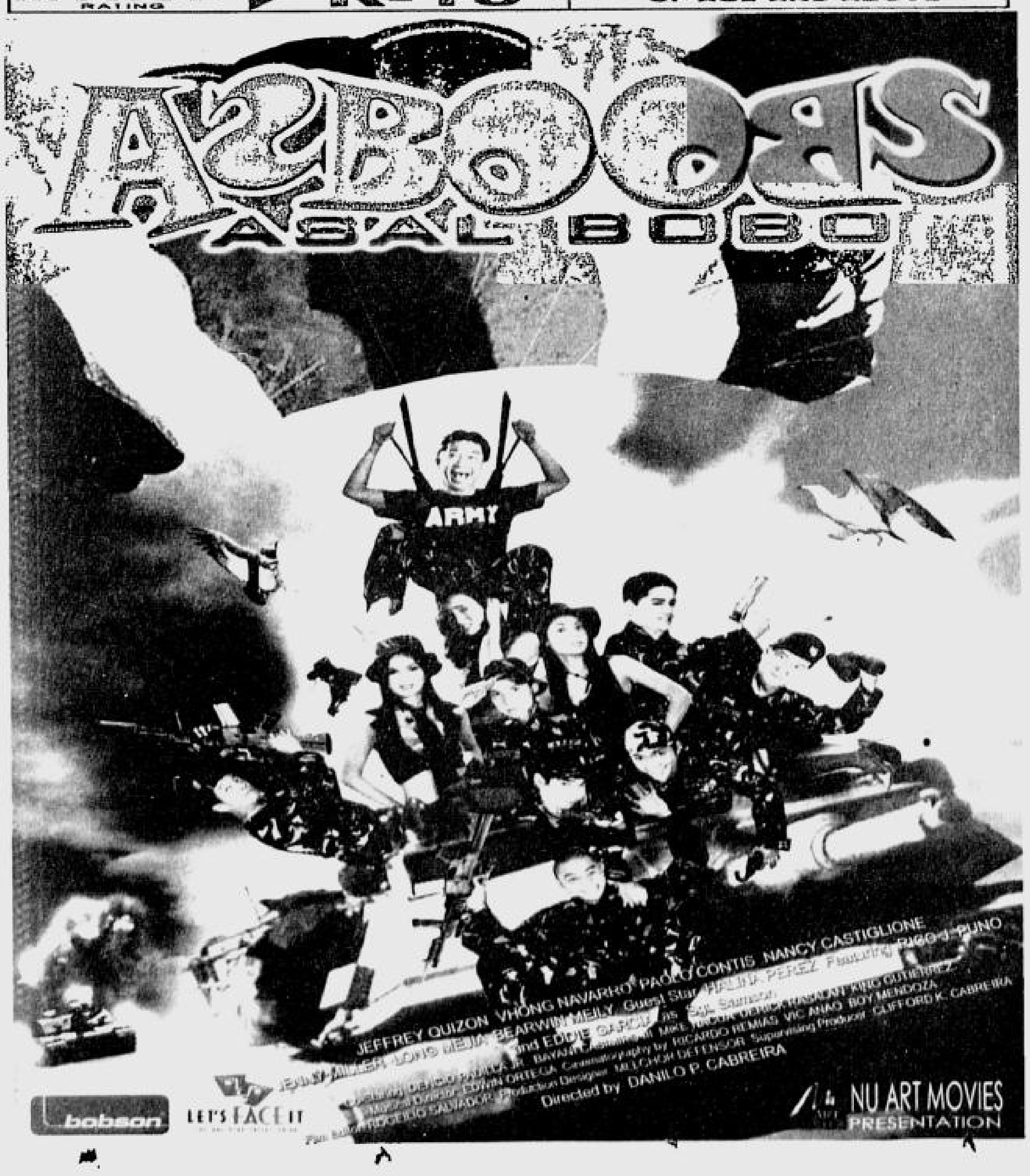
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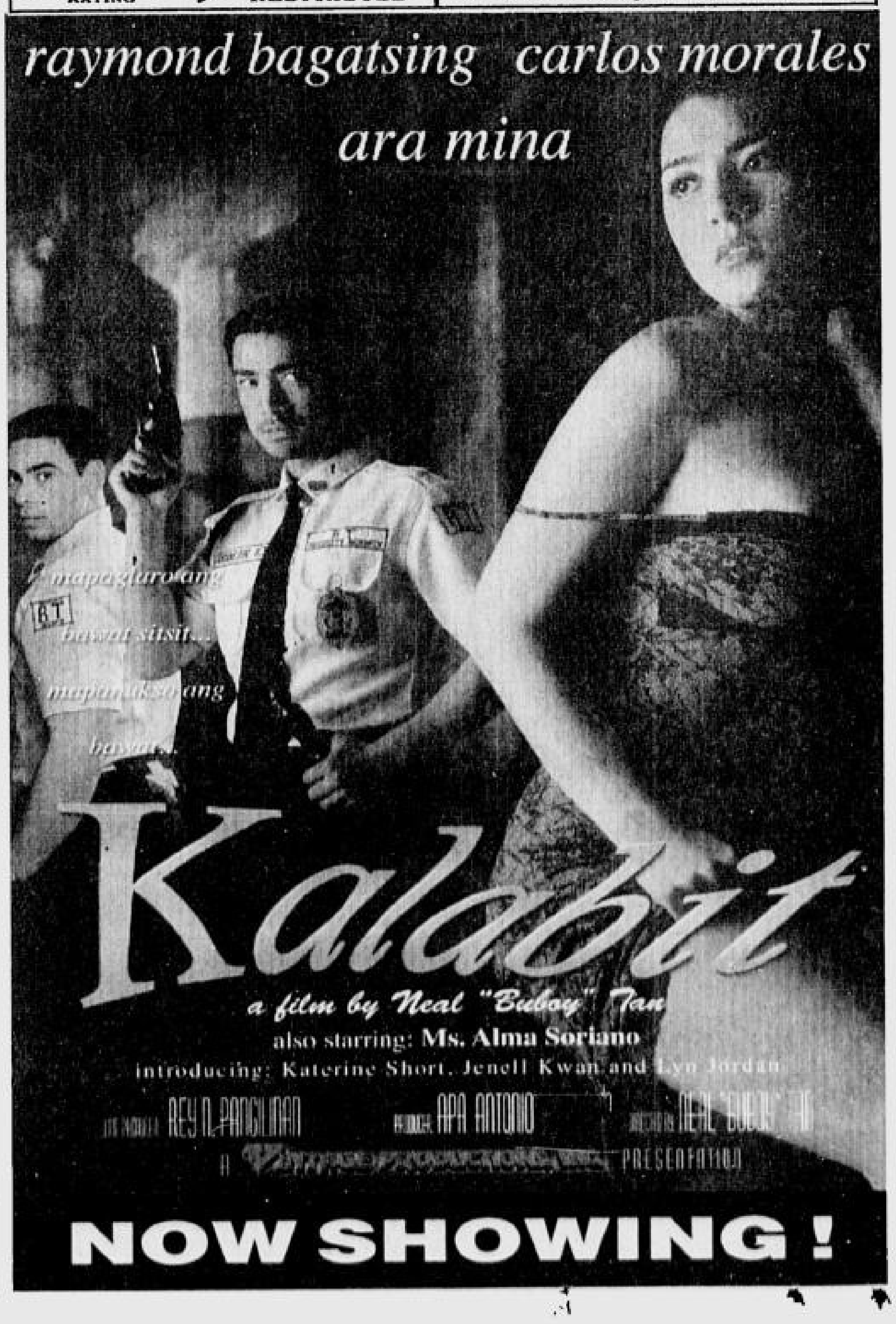
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KBP regulatory unnecessary, says GMA 7

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE REGULATORY functions of the Kapisanan ng mga Broadkaster ng Pilipinas are "no longer necessary" and only duplicate regulations implemented by government agencies and the courts.

This was part of the statement issued by GMA 7 last Monday, in the wake of the network's withdrawal of its membership from the KBP.

Last Sept. 1, GMA 7 said it withdrew its membership from the self-regulatory broadcast organization after a series of dialogues between GMA 7 president Felipe Gozon and KBP chair Cerge Remonde because the network was dissatisfied with the "present thrust and actions" of the KBP.

The withdrawal resulted in the appointment of Raven Broadcasting Corp.'s Pinky Aseron as KBP president. Aseron replaced Antonio Veloso, administrative division vice president of GMA 7.

In a press statement, GMA 7 said "the KBP was born out of the need of the martial law regime to give the perception that there was still freedom of the press in the country.

"Now that full freedom of the press and the free enterprise system under a free competitive environment prevail, the regulatory functions of the KBP would no longer be necessary and would only duplicate the regulations done by government agencies like the NTC, MTRCB, the courts with respect to libel, and others," the statement said.

Asked to comment on GMA 7's position, Aseron said the KBP has yet to come out with an official statement, adding "that is their opinion and there is nothing we can do about it. We will still fight for self regulation and for what we believe is right."

Quoting Dick Perez, GMA 7's assistant vice president for legal affairs, the statement said the network's withdrawal was "a unilateral act and needs no acceptance for it to take effect."

Perez was referring to KBP's position that it would not take action on GMA 7's withdrawal from the organization until after the "pending cases" against GMA are completed.

"One cannot just quit without satisfying its liabilities as a member of the KBP," Aseron had said. "We will have to consult the KBP's by-laws regarding this matter."

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But Perez said in the GMA 7 statement that the "KBP's position on GMA's withdrawal is an undue restriction of GMA's right not to join an association, which is included in the right to join one."

Aseron had said that GMA 7's withdrawal concerned "pending cases" that the KBP had filed against the network for violation of provisions of the KBP TV code, particularly the rules on the use of obscene dialogues and overloading of advertising airtime.

In 2000, the KBP Standard Authority imposed upon GMA 7 a one-year suspension on KBP privileges based on violations committed by Rosanna Roces, the host of GMA 7's show biz talk show "Star Talk."

But Perez said the decision has not yet become final since GMA 7 had filed a motion for reconsideration on June 27, 2001, and had sought the cancellation of the suspension.

Aseron insisted that the KBP had denied the network's motion.

The GMA 7 statement said that "in contrast, ABS-CBN was not even investigated by the KBP for the admitted and published similar violations of the TV code by Willie Revillame and its other hosts."

Revillame and John Estrada were suspended by ABS-CBN last June for using inappropriate language on the noontime variety show "Masayang Tanghali Bayan."

GMA 7 also accused the KBP of enforcing its overloading rule or "time standard for non-program materials" provision "without prior notice to GMA."

Perez said "the KBP had not enforced the overloading rule while another network was then openly violating it. That is discriminatory and any sanctions the KBP now wants to impose would be illegal."

Perez did not name the network that he said was "openly violating" the provision.

Starting last Friday, GMA 7 would be holding a series of dialogues with concerned parties, including its advertising partners to explain its actions and advocate common interests, the network's statement said.

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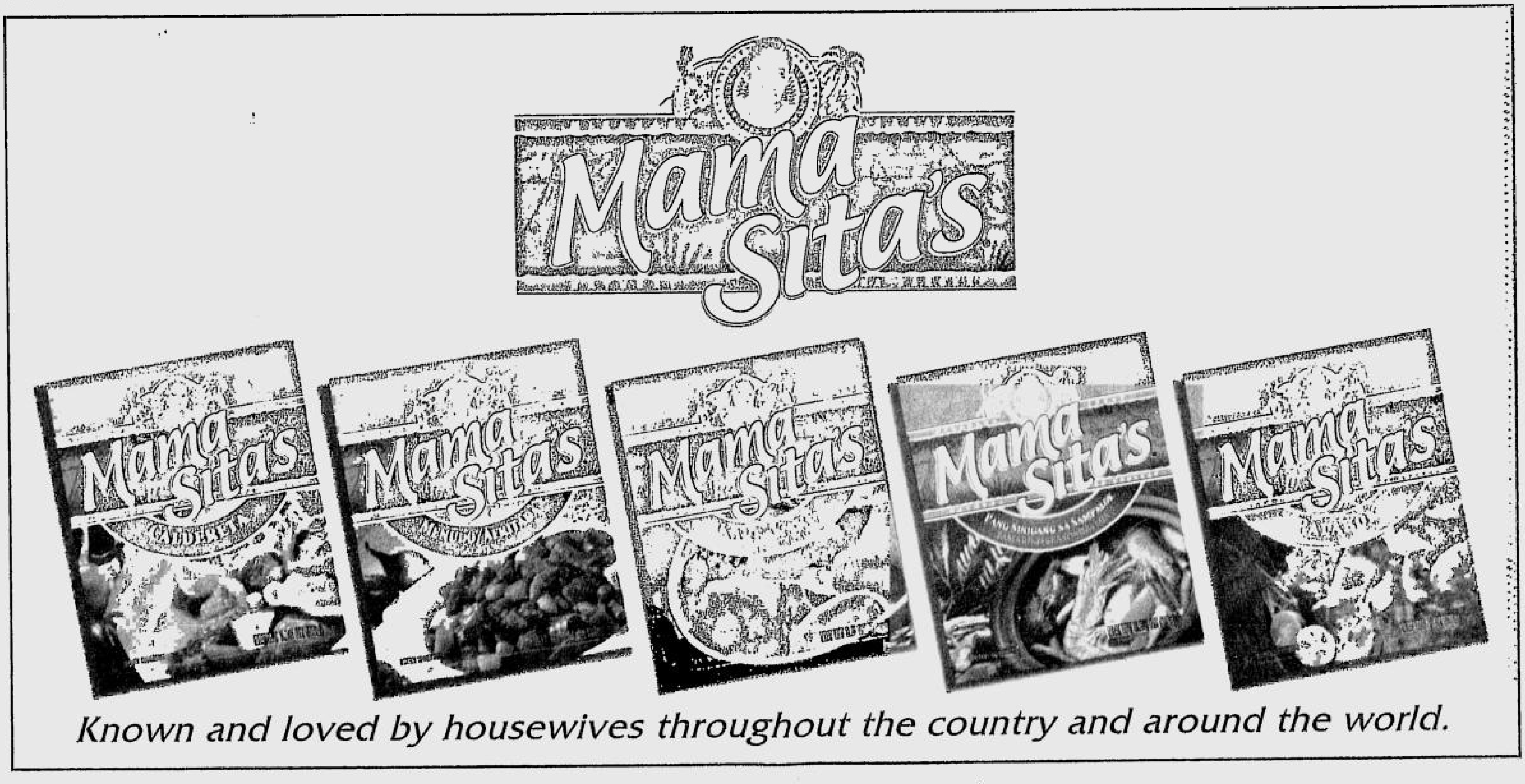

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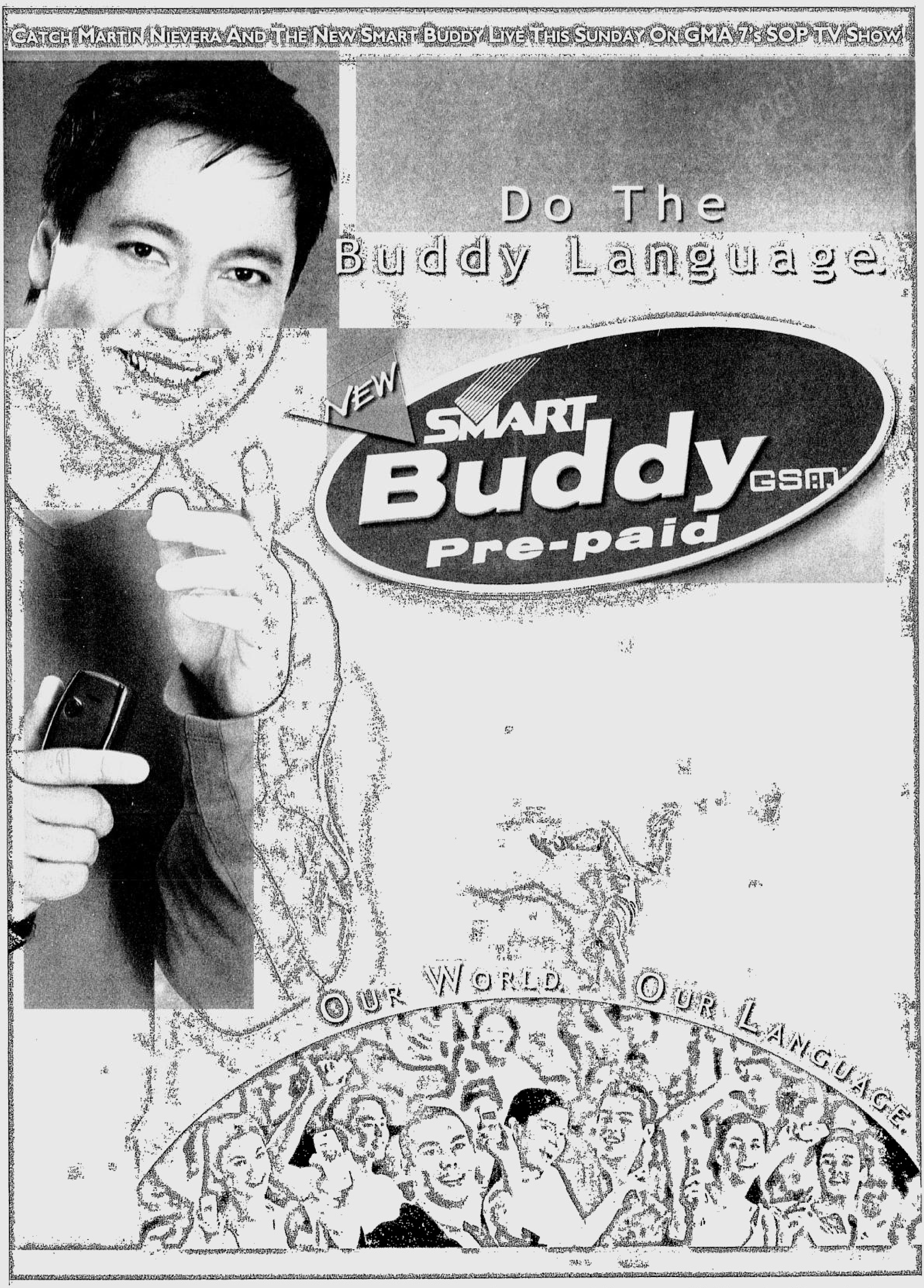
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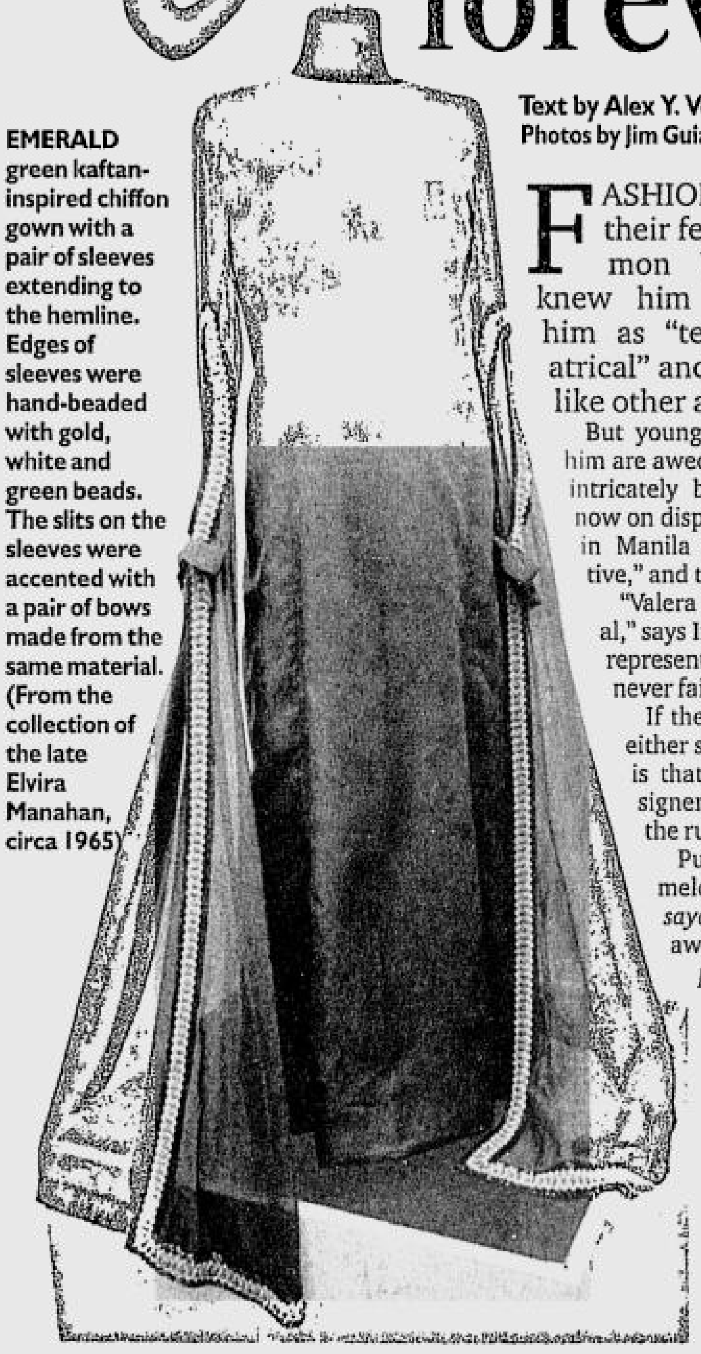

EMERALD green kaftan-inspired chiffon gown with a pair of sleeves extending to the hemline. Edges of sleeves were hand-beaded with gold, white and green beads. The slits on the sleeves were accented with a pair of bows made from the same material. (From the collection of the late Elvira Manahan, circa 1965)

FASHION designers differ in their feelings for the late Ramon Valera. Those who knew him personally describe him as "temperamental," "theatrical" and even "snooty," much like other artists.

But young designers who never met him are awed by his work, describing his intricately beaded and draped gowns now on display at the National Museum in Manila as "imaginative," "innovative," and the creations of a "genius."

"Valera had a high sense of the visual," says Inno Sotto. "His clothes were representative of the time, and they never failed to make an impact."

If there's one thing designers on either side of the divide agree on, it is that Valera was a brilliant designer who wasn't afraid to break the rules to achieve his vision.

Purists were aghast when he melded the traditional *baro't saya* into a single piece and did away with the cumbersome *panuelo* and *tapis*.

Only the trademark butterfly sleeves and scoop neckline remain of what's now known as the *terno*, perhaps the most malleable national costume there is in the world. Thanks to Valera, who started it all, the *terno*, much like the Filipino character, continues to morph into new forms

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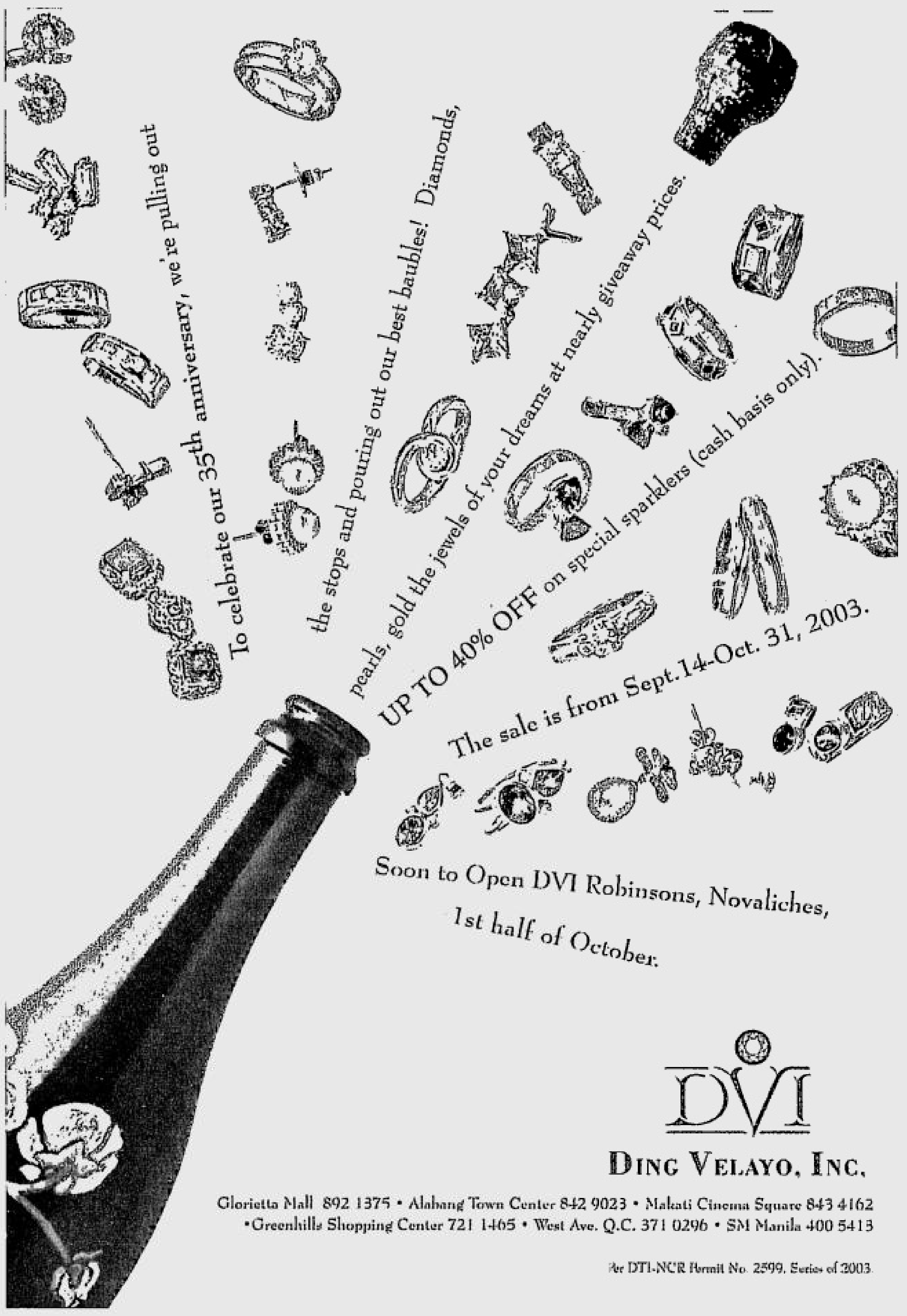

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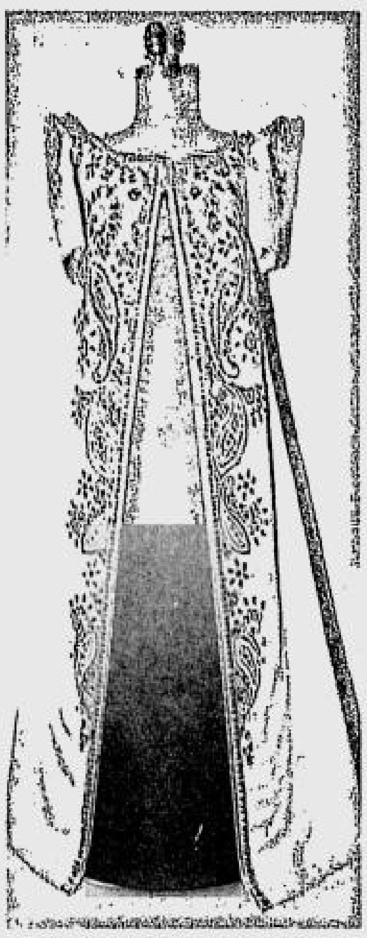
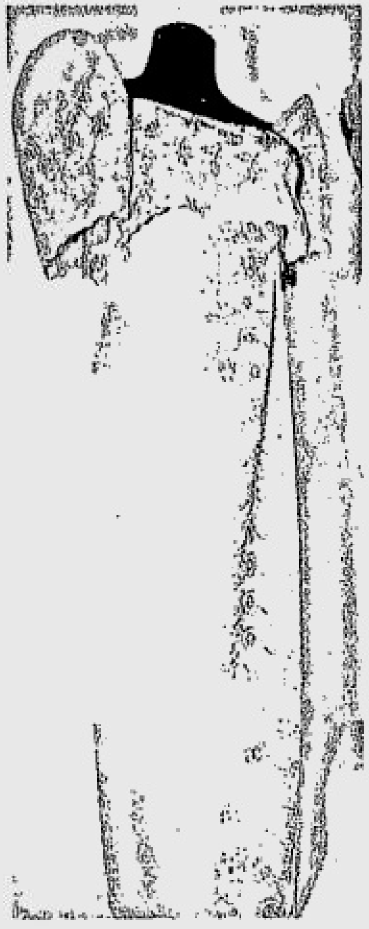
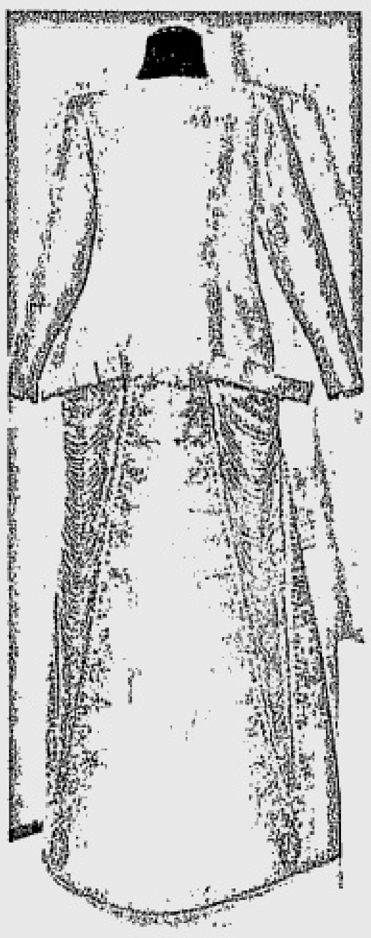


COAT *terno* worn over a gown made of turquoise alaskin. Paisley-inspired embroidery is hand-crafted with turquoise, gold and topaz accents. (From the collection of Gretchen Cojuangco, 1968)

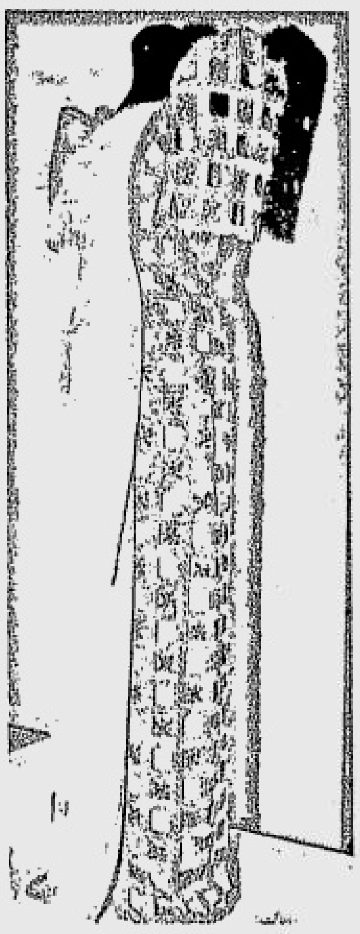
BOLERO with matching belt made of gold chords, braids and beads sans fabric. The pieces are worn over a black turtleneck long-sleeved knit shift. (From the collection of Maria Araneta-Fores, undated)



POWDER-BLUE *terno* is made of Swiss embroidered fabric. Fabric edging or senefa is used for the bolero-like bodice and slightly draped side panel. Embroidery is dotted with tiny seed pearls of light aquamarine color. (From the collection of former First Lady Luz Banzon Magsaysay, 1953)

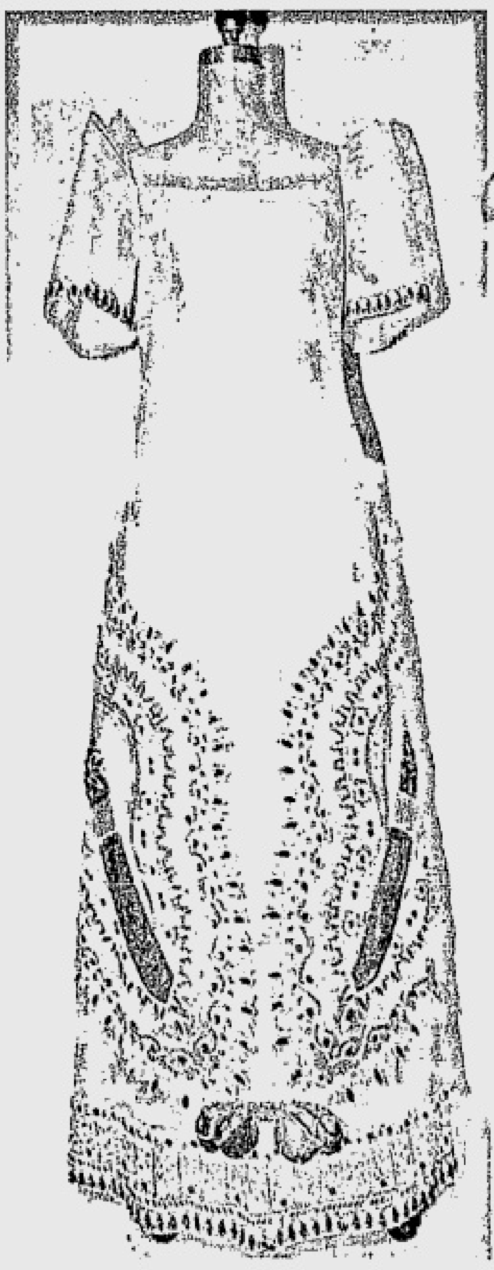


MUSLIM-INSPIRED alaskin gown in fuchsia comes in two pieces. The top piece has long sleeves, while the slim skirt features a pair of beaded Vs joined together by cascading beads of silver and gold. At the tip of each V is a tambourine medallion. (From the collection of Delza Villonco-Lazatin, circa 1965)



WHITE chiffon sheath *terno* with one side, including the sleeve, made from organza embroidered in braid and checkerboard design. The material was cut alternately to show open work while uncut portions were embellished with emerald green stone. (From the collection of Gloria Romero, circa 1960)

WHITE satin *terno* with a voluminous printed skirt. Floral-printed pink and green skirt with slight train is cinched at the waist with a cummerbund that holds a giant half bow of satin that extends to the skirt. (From the collection of Linda Garcia-Campos, 1958)



FULLY cut work *terno* made from *piña*, hand-embroidered in royal blue with turquoise beads. (From the collection of former First Lady Imelda Marcos, circa 1965).

Valera forever

All Filipino designers present and future will have to define their styles against that of the undisputed master of couture

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and silhouettes to this day.

"Valera reinvented the *baro't saya*," says Eric Pineda, "and made it more attuned with what was in vogue in the West."

The retrospective, produced partly by Rustan's, runs until Nov. 30.

The 56-piece collection spans the 1950s and 1960s, arguably Valera's best and most productive decades as a couturier.

Even before he quit college in 1935 to pursue fashion design full time, Valera had been designing dresses for his sisters Didi and Lulu. He paved the way for male designers in a field once dominated by women.

If anything, the collection shows Valera's eye for detail, symmetry and dramatic choice of colors in the execution of those eye-catching swirls and dangles of beadwork and appliqué.

Alaskin was his preferred material, but he also did pieces in chiffon, organza, *piña*, lace, satin and even abaca to stiffen those butterfly sleeves.

Beadwork

Ben Farrales, the acknowledged dean of Filipino designers and considered by many as a master at draping, admires Valera's flair for beadwork.

"He was always a step ahead," says Farrales, who belonged to the younger batch of designers during Valera's heydays. "He set the trends and we followed with our respective interpretations."

Not only was Valera ahead of his time, he was also prolific. Visitors will probably leave the museum dazzled by the way he combined, nay, played with all those beads, appliqués, faux stones and fabrics.

Valera also excelled at draping. His so-called "book-leaf" collection, which consisted of layers of fabrics arranged like a Chinese lantern, was nowhere to be seen. Like many of his other pieces, the collection probably didn't survive time and the owners' neglect and ignorance.

Valera was also aware of the competition and worked tirelessly to maintain his edge. Despite his lofty stature in high society and the press, he never rested on his laurels.

He was said to be generous in sharing his knowledge to colleagues he liked, but he kept trade secrets from those he disliked.

He never passed up the chance to stand up to the challenge posed by younger designers, especially during group shows held at such unlikely venues as the Rizal Memorial Stadium.

Just when Farrales and Pitoy Moreno felt that they had finally edged out Valera by coming up with their best pieces, the master would reassert his dominance.

Valera was able to get Gloria Romero, the most popular actress at the time, to model for him. And since back then there was annotation during fashion shows, the annotator was usually biased in Valera's favor.

"How can you beat the drawing power of a Gloria Romero?" said Moreno. "To top it all, the emcee had lost all her objectivity and was heaping praises at Valera's work. To his credit, he really came up with a beautiful gown fit for the show's finale."

This isn't to belittle his ability as a designer, but part of Valera's success also owed perhaps to his ability to please the right people at the right time.

Catering to socialites such as Gretchen Cojuangco, Chito Madrigal, Maria Araneta-Fores, the late Chona Kasten and Elvira Manahan, and the wives of politicians provided him with a steady stream of publicity that kept those sewing machines humming.

"He was identified with women who helped advance his art tremendously," said Moreno. "He was also quite resourceful, and had access to the latest fashion magazines from Europe."

It seems the more things change, the more they stay the same. The only thing that eluded Valera was longevity, but his name will continue to live on in his clothes.

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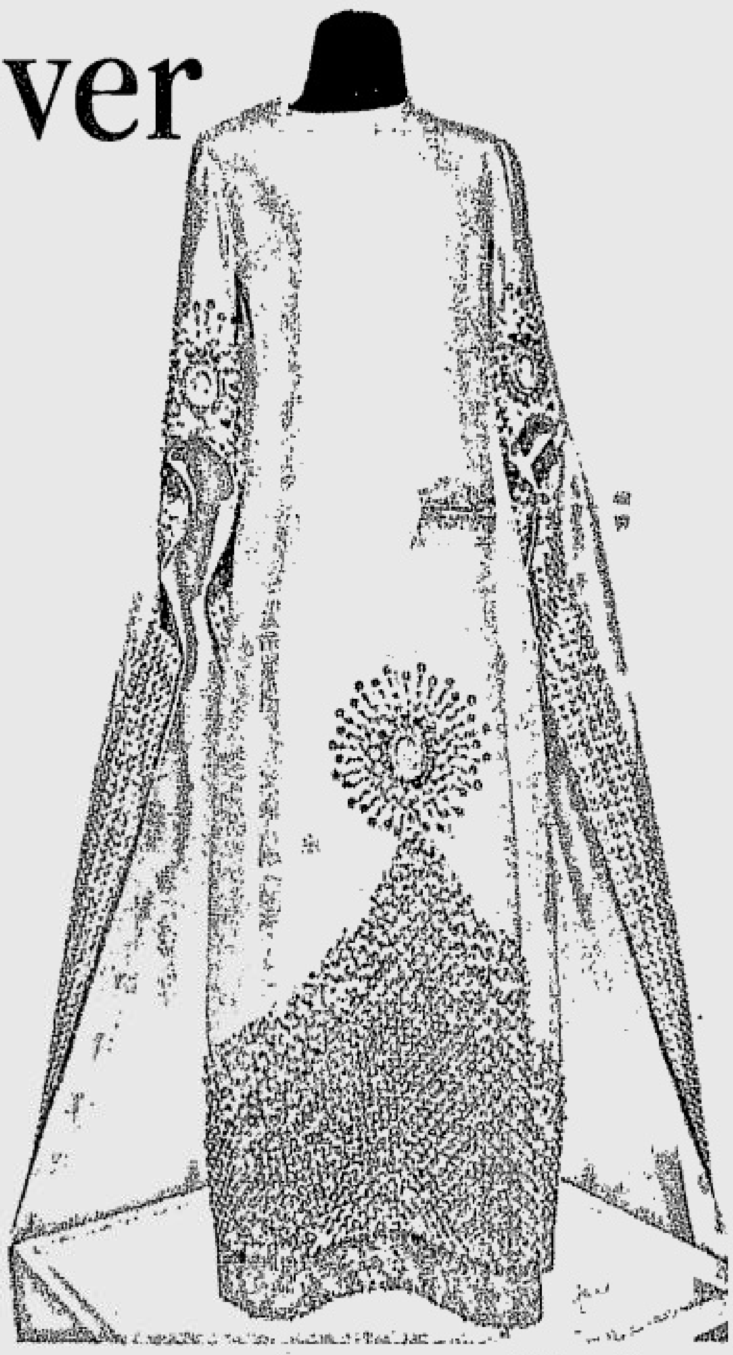
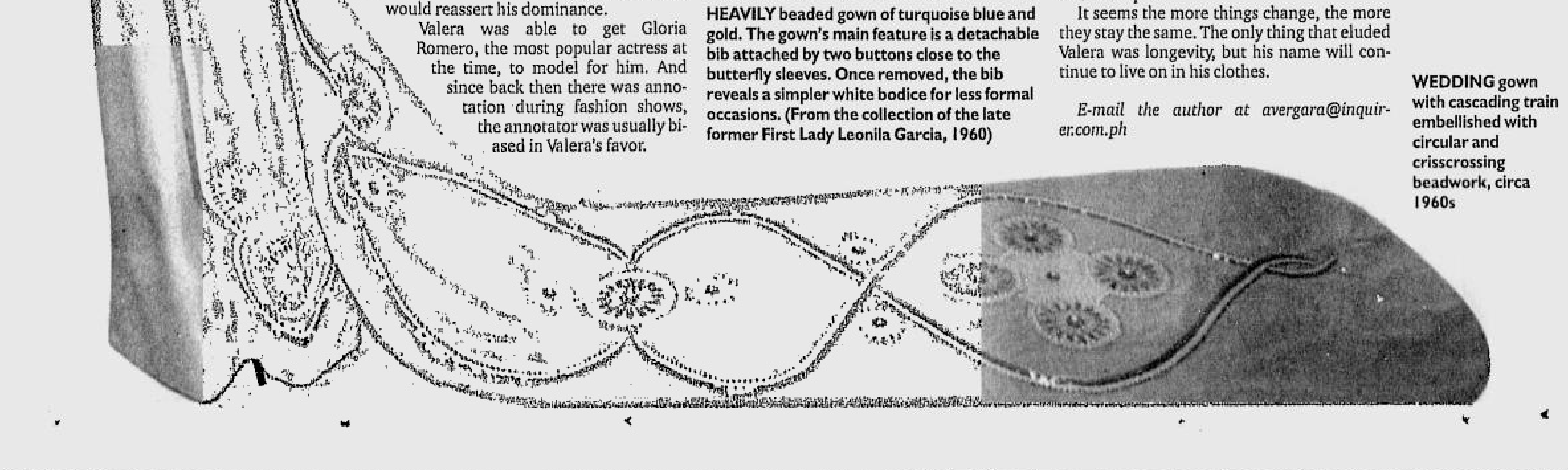


GOLD alaskin gown with tambourine medallion as focal point. One medallion is designed to be attached to a tall hairpiece, where yards upon yards of illusion cascade as veil. Tambourines are further emphasized by intricate beadwork along the hemline, edges of sleeves and train. (From the collection of Carmen Paraiso-Zialcita, 1960s)

HEAVILY beaded gown of turquoise blue and gold. The gown's main feature is a detachable bib attached by two buttons close to the butterfly sleeves. Once removed, the bib reveals a simpler white bodice for less formal occasions. (From the collection of the late former First Lady Leonila Garcia, 1960)



WEDDING gown with cascading train embellished with circular and crisscrossing beadwork, circa 1960s

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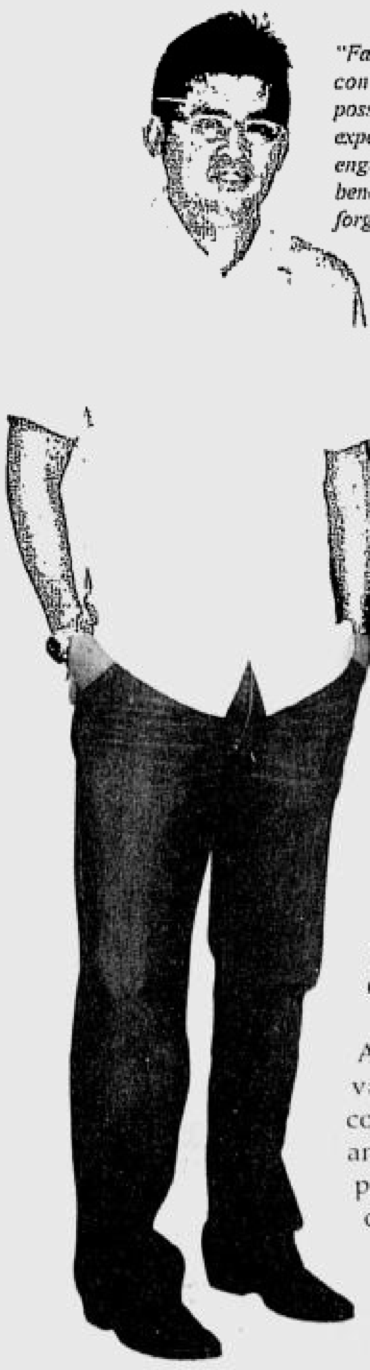

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"Fairways Tower reflects the international style that's so successful in many of the world's great cities, London, Paris and New York."

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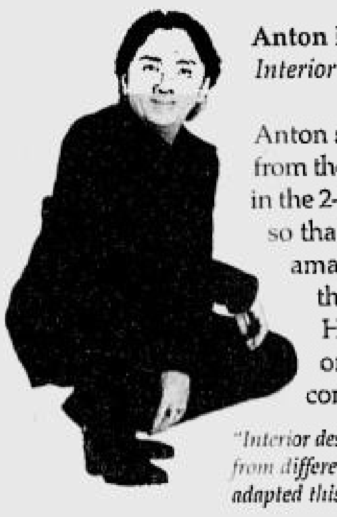
Martha Orosa-Uy
Interior Designer,
1-bedroom model unit

"Fairways Tower's appeal is in its location, and the building itself. It's being at the right place, at the right time."

Inspired by her different travels, Martha shows passion in capturing the innermost desires of the homeowner. That's why she never fails to bring romance in her designs, which range from British to Scandinavian. This time having a classic oriental look for the 1-bedroom model unit, she fills it with modern touches that will make you fall in love with the suite. But no matter what dreamland she's created, she insists that this modern residential building is a world of wonders on its own.



Anton Mendoza
Interior Designer, 2-bedroom model unit

Anton set up everything cohesive from the furniture to the color schemes in the 2-bedroom model unit. So much so that it seems to extend to the amazing scenery of the fairways that reposes beyond its window. His dusk-toned design has an organic feel, one that has a deep connection with the earth.

"Interior design today is more global, mixing styles from different cultures. And Fairways Tower has adapted this union of influences."

Dr. Go Chi Bun: *Feng Shui Expert*

Dr. Go, who also practices Traditional Chinese Medicine, has an exact calculation of what will bring good health and prosperity. So with his huge influence, the building's architecture kept in mind the flow of Chi that will guide the passage of fortune in Fairways Tower.

"The Fairways Tower faces lucky stars from both the front and back sides... and that the Chi, or Life Force, can flow freely through the entrance doors."

Architect Roger Villarosa
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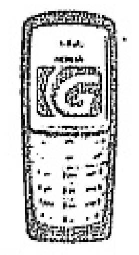
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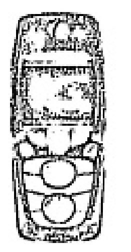
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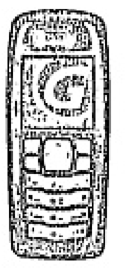
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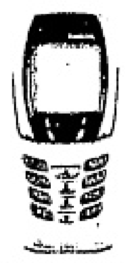
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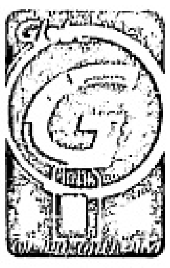

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Sunday LifeStyle

Does today's babe have room for Valera?

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I'LL give you one guess who said this as we walked down the aisle of the Valera Retrospective Exhibit at the Museum of the Filipino People—"Wow! It's like walking down another era."

It was not our uber-young fashion writers who could be seeing such *ternos* for the first time in their lives. It was fashion legend (so not exactly young) **Pitoy Moreno** himself, not **Teyet Pascual**, but Pitoy. I couldn't tell if, as we walked from one mannequin to another, Pitoy was giddy and nostalgic, overwhelmed or simply amused as he gasped about this "another era." What I noticed was that he had this big smile on his face, wiped out only when he tried to work his cellphone (yes, Pitoy now has a "cell").

Pitoy and the country's senior designers like him were the last you'd expect to feel that "time shock" upon seeing the works of **Ramon Valera**, yet I guess he was really just blurting out what he thought and felt. Valera was another era. That's all.

Once and for all, to clear it up, Pitoy, **Ben Farrales** and the other senior designers emerged in the '50s. Valera was ahead of them; he was on the road to fame even before World War II. In the late '30s Valera shook the imperturbable charmed circle of Manila when he "modernized" the *terno*—he removed the "panuelo" draped down the woman's breast. The *terno* was never the same since, and Valera defined what would be Philippine haute couture in his reign through the '40s, '50s, '60s.

Strictly speaking, therefore, he was way ahead of Pitoy and Ben's generation, so no wonder Pitoy called it another era. Yet Pitoy's era, starting in the '50s, should have greater affinity with Valera's than this generation.

How does this generation then take to Ramon Valera?

Awed. As in mouth agape, jaw dropped.

Dinner

If only to know the answer to the above question, I went to the opening of the Valera Retrospective, a sit-down dinner, long-gown affair organized by **Nedy Tantoco** and **Irene Martel-Francisco** to benefit the Philippine Red Cross. I brought **Ria de Borja**, Metro's 27-year-old fashion editor. I knew it would be a first for Ria. After all, hers is a generation reared on minimalism and casual chic.

True enough, as I walked her from one *terno* to another, Ria was incredulous. She was swooning over craftsmanship, detail, embroidery and the gowns. Hers is a time that's not dependent on long gowns, much less those with trains and capes.

"Haven't seen anything like it," she said—as I expected.

Valera was one couturier I never got to interview or meet. He died in 1972, at 59, before I could even start a career. His was a stellar career and a

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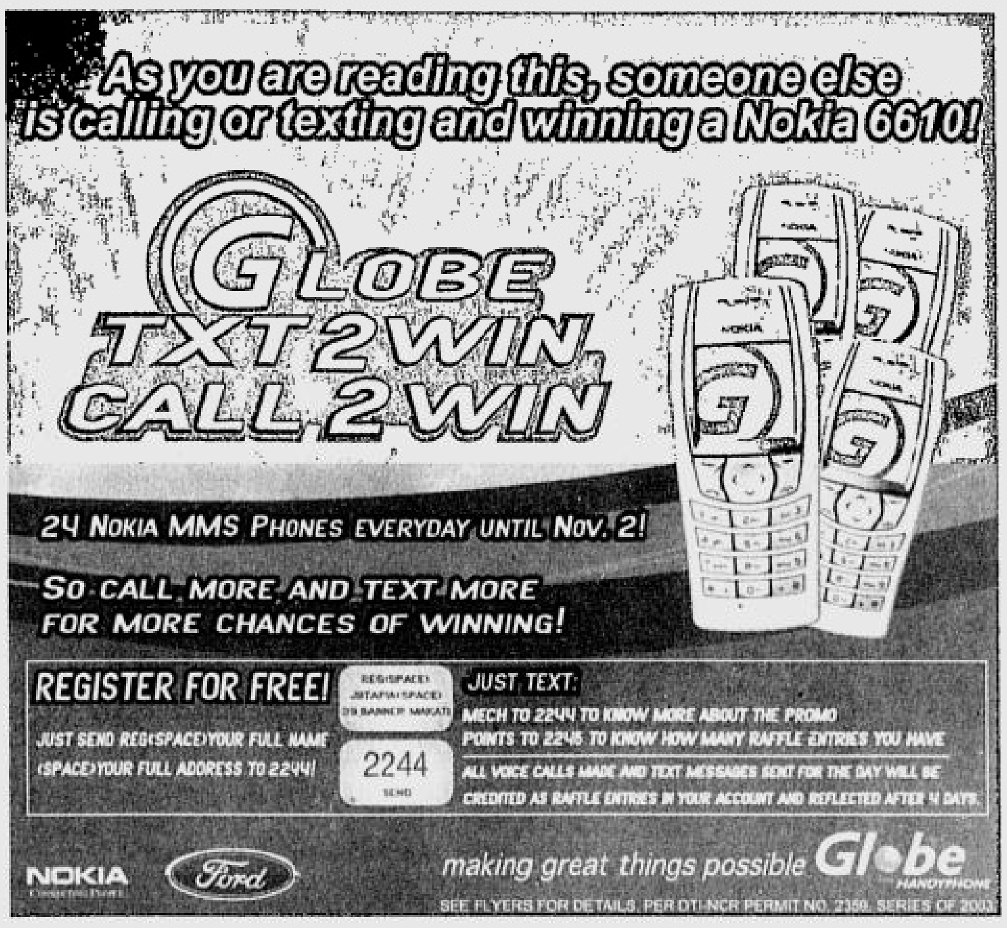

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life lived full that was cut short.

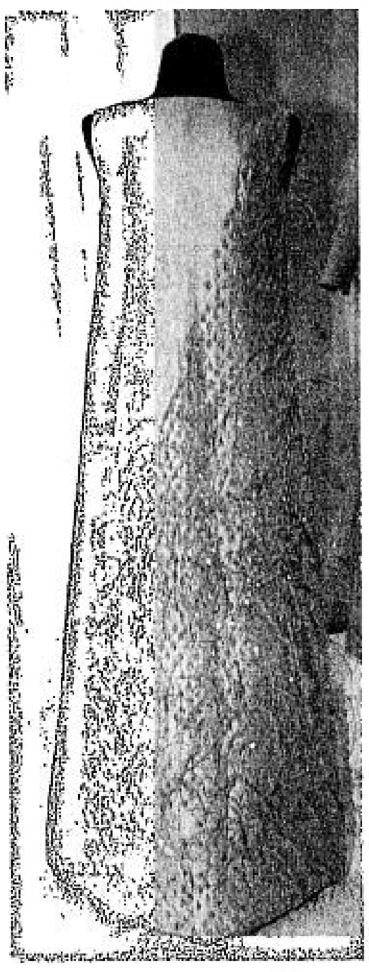
My encounter with Valera was through his *ternos* and evening gowns, which Dr. Teyet Pascual collected. We'd spend afternoons and evenings in Teyet's place "playing" with the Valeras and even used them in a contemporary hip shoot. In one frame, we made model **Joyce Oreña** discard the lining of the fully beaded gold *terno* and made her stand against the sun. The sight was simply gorgeous—Joyce's shapely but trim body silhouetted in a frame of gold sequins and beads. It was a most glorious see-thru.

I can imagine that in the '40s and '50s Valera did to the *terno* what Chanel, two decades earlier, did to the constricting women's clothes. (She took women, remember, out of the stifling corsets and put them into loose jerseys. She changed the paradigm in women's fashion.)

Scrutinizing Teyet's collection, I knew how Valera's evening wear ensembles—even the knee-length sheaths—were so heavy. They were virtual canvases of beads, sequins, crystals, semi-precious stones, pearls.

That was what Ria meant that night—you don't see such an armory of materials these days, and such craftsmanship. (For example, **Fe Dolor Serrano's** empire-cut gown had a real topaz as big as your fist.)

But more than logistics, Valera was also all about the beauty of design and wisdom of construction. In those days, a bride wore a Valera (including the INQUIRER editor in chief who still has her Valera wedding gown) and the elite women had Valeras for evening or formal wear.



BRONZE-COLORED alaskin shift with boat neckline is adorned with scattered beads and feathers that go down diagonally from the shoulder to the hemline. (From the collection of the late Elvira Manahan, circa 1960)

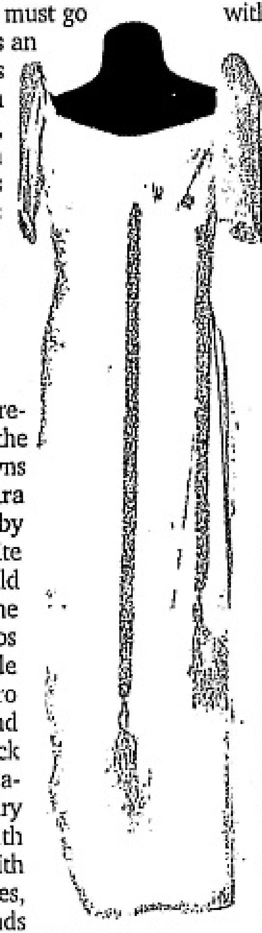
Pitoy was right: The exhibit transported you to another era. It was an era when women went to the couturiers or in the case of the hoi polloi, the dressmakers, to have their clothes made, for day and night. Women had occasions to wear those luscious gowns to—the Kahirup balls, the debuts and weddings. It was an era when couturiers must cut and sew clothes according to a particular woman's body, and the women must go to their fittings. It was an era when couturiers mastered construction and craftsmanship, and obsessed much about details. It was an era when art was intricate.

In short, it's an era that's clearly over. Finished. Gone.

Memorable

Of the exhibit I'll remember, apart from the many *ternos*, the gowns Valera did for **Elvira Manahan** and **Baby Fores:** Gold and white gown for Elvira, gold beads covering the bodice and at the hips were swags of bugle beads in silver; a bolero of gold braids and beads worn over black turtleneck shift for Baby; and a contemporary white-blue *kimona* with one panel covered with pearls and rhinestones, the other in aqua beads and pearls, worn over basic white *balintawak*, also for Baby. *(See photos on D2.)*

I got drawn to them perhaps because I could imagine today's women wearing them or re-styling them to suit today's scene. These ensembles are a cross between minimalism—which today's women simply can't outgrow, be it in their fashion or home—and a growing bias for ornamentation and vintage craftsmanship. Those clothes are so with it when it comes to vintage dressing.



WHITE chiffon *terno* with draped bodice and a beaded fuchsia bias cord (From the collection of Rosemarie Jimenez-Arenas, circa 1970)

The wedding gowns on exhibit—like those of **Trina Yujuico Kalaw, Baby Arenas, Margarita Romualdez Licaros**—were exquisite showcases of embroidery and design. Their trains or veils were a playground of images.

In contrast, today's brides are usually not into ornamentation or even glitter. Today's gowns bear only a hint of glitter. Also, today's brides seem content with spaghetti straps or plunging backs.

(By the way the exhibit was curated by National Museum head **Cora Alvina** who's remained very low-key about her work.)

So should we repackage Valera for today?

I don't think the man, if he were alive today, would like that. From what I heard he was a proud and uncompromising artist. I believe he'd be the first to shoot down marketing.

Valera defined an era. Leave it at that. I doubt if he'd like to be transplanted into another era. Ria asked me, "How come they don't make such clothes anymore?"

ACTRESS Susan Roces, HSBC CEO Warner Manning, Meldy Cojuangco, Imelda Marcos and Lulu Valera-Zulueta cut the ribbon.

PHOTOS: JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

It's because times have changed—plain and simple. The times have neither the money nor the mood for an exquisite Valera. Not only is today an on-the-go lifestyle, it's also a stress-to-death one. Kahirup balls are a thing of the past. Women are working, not idling away or tending to the home—so for the evening, they dress down, not dress up.

What then is the relevance of Valera today?

A lot. If you see Valera as the epitome of Filipino's commitment to art and excellence, then Valera must be and is timeless. What Valera did was set the standards of fashion as art. Those who came and will come after him can't fall short of that.

And many did and still do. The batches after Valera defined their own era, their own ballgame.

After Valera there was no turning back for Philippine fashion.

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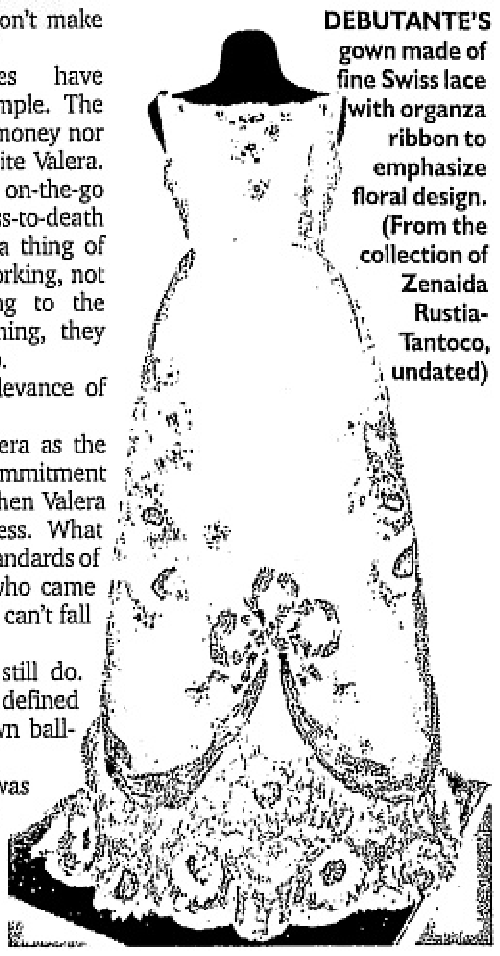

DEBUTANTE'S gown made of fine Swiss lace with organza ribbon to emphasize floral design. (From the collection of Zenaida Rustia-Tantoco, undated)

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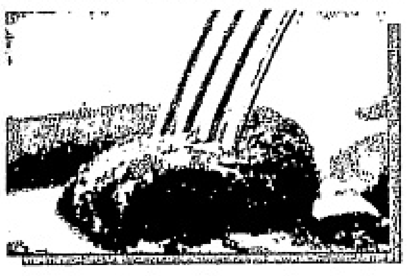

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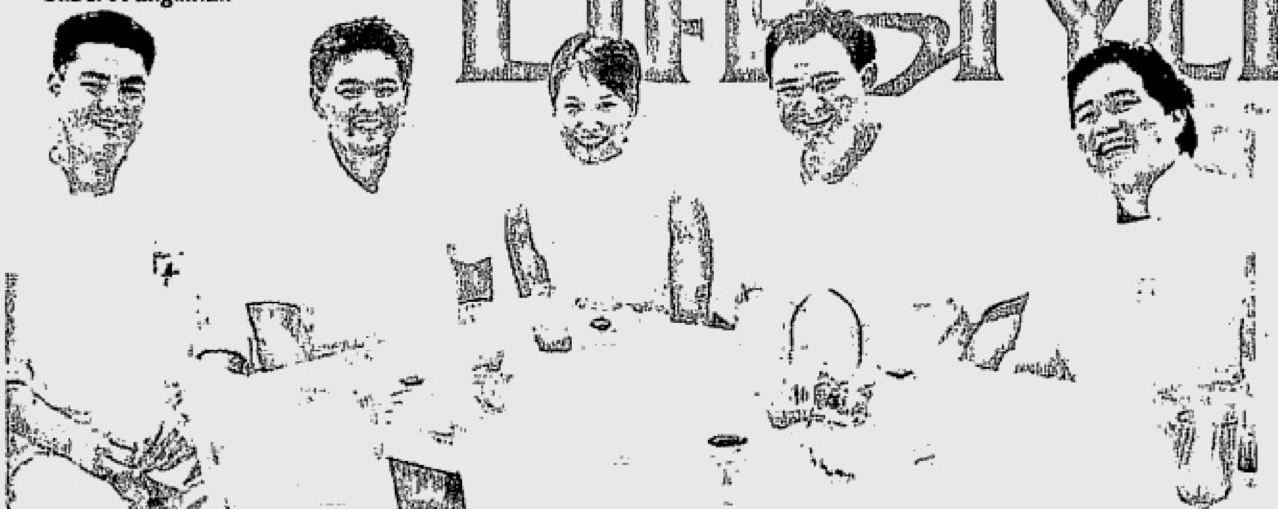

How to pig out and save your soul

MY EATING habits are the worst. I wake up before noon, nibble on breakfast, skip lunch, have a hearty dinner and, sometimes, an even bigger midnight snack. With my average sleeping time at 3 a.m., my stomach has synchronized its internal clock with my peak hours.

As an artist, I do all my creating in the wee hours of the morning, so this is usually my busiest time of the day. Hence I am hungriest at midnight.

There is a part of my bedroom that is reserved for a selection of junk food. This consists mostly of Paton's chocolate-covered macadamias, Sun Maid dried fruit, Mrs. Field's double fudge cookies and a wide array of herbal slimming teas to flush all the guilt away. I guess it's the same rationalization that makes one believe that eating a plateful of *lechon* and drinking Coke Light translates into calorie savings.

When traveling, food is my last priority. Shopping is obviously on top of the list. I can shop endlessly and then just order room service when I get back to the hotel. Typically,.this is when the night markets have finally closed.

Going to Hong Kong is for me the most tiring trip because I take bargain shopping seriously, to the point of skipping meals. On my first visit to Malaysia, I ended up eating all my meals in the hotel since I discovered their night market early on. Bangkok, Seoul, Tokyo, you name it, virtually every city has a night market. Of course, these night markets are really just selling junk, but somehow, I'm there every night anyway.

Clearly, I am not a food connoisseur. So

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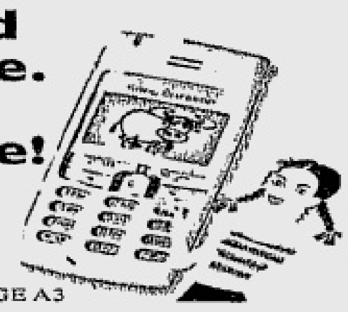

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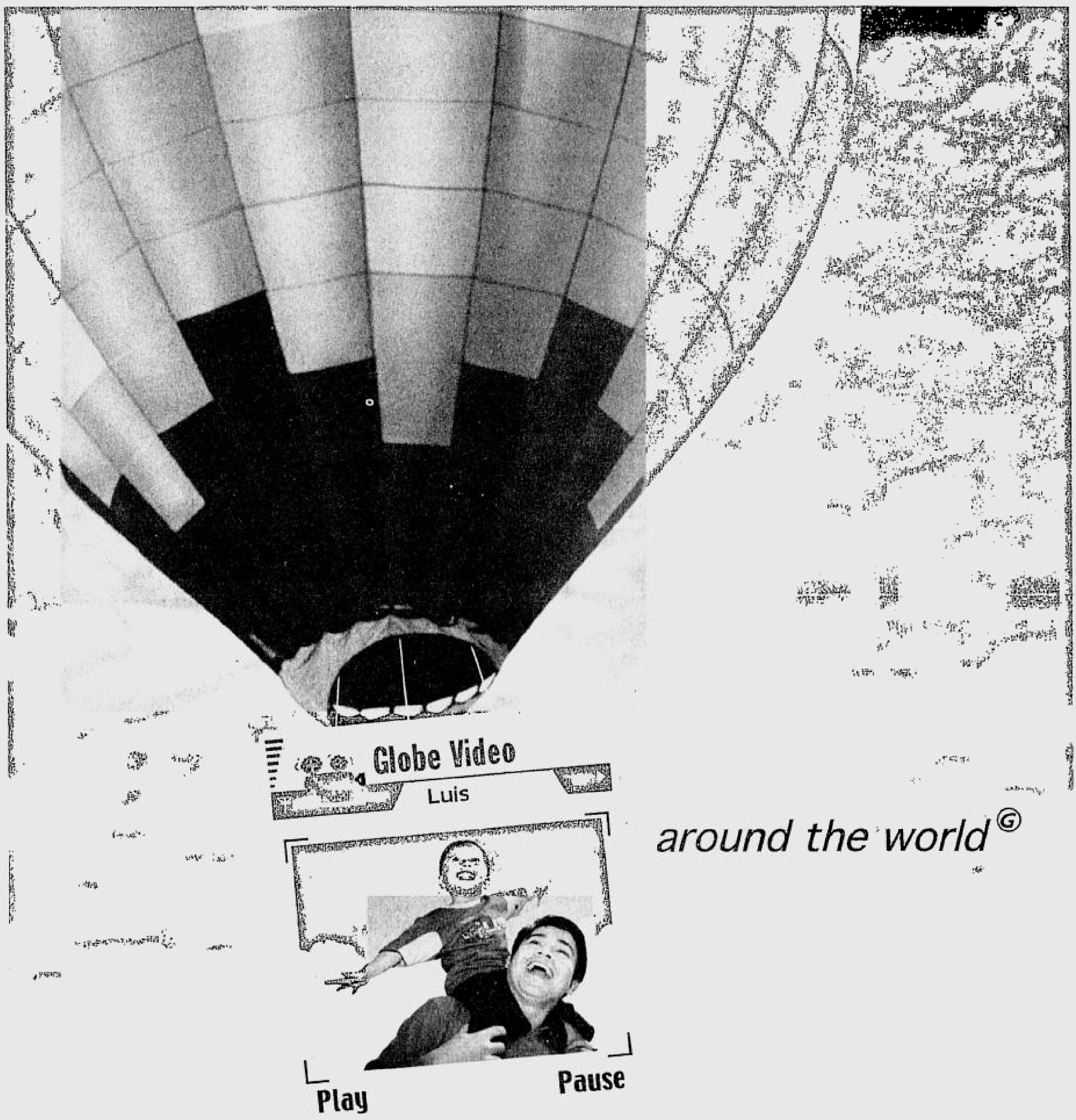

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TRAVEL

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IN GRAND STYLE: Royal Palace at dusk

The thrill of Amsterdam

Text and photos by Patrick C. Kimpo
Contributor

I EXPECTED a colorful landscape of bulbs and tulips in white, red, yellow and violet. What I saw instead were vast lush tracts of farmland with herds of robust cows grazing and still windmills.

The dikes were ever present. Upon seeing them, as if on cue in a script, I recalled a fictional story I read in my youth.

We arrived in Amsterdam on a sunny afternoon, after enduring an eight-hour bus and ferry journey from London. And my thoughts were totally preoccupied with the story in the hope of relating it with the city.

As we neared our hotel in Schiphol, I asked the Dutchman Thomas Smits, our tour director, if he was familiar with the story of the boy who stuck his finger in a hole in the dike.

He said he was, but did not know much about "the author, the character and the city."

Many of the other Dutch people I met were familiar with the "Dutch boy" but could not seem to recall the particulars.

My disappointment aside, I learned a lot about Amsterdam (and the role the dikes played in The Netherlands' "floody" history), and gained memories that even now teem in my thoughts.

Taking snapshots of windmills, trying on a pair of wooden shoes (and walking just a few steps before feeling the discomfort), savoring a variety of cheeses, and getting mesmerized by the cut, carat, and luster of diamonds make up such memories. Perhaps even sampling an ice-cold bottle of the locally brewed Heineken beer that leaves a bitter, awful aftertaste once the bottom is reached. (Our San Miguel is still the best, I must say.)

Amsterdam was born in the year 1275 but became the capital of The Netherlands only in 1658, after the completion of the city's original plan by Hendrik de Keyser.

Its name was derived from the word "amstelredam," meaning "dam from the river." Built on about 90 islands concentrated in the Amstel River, the city is intersected by canals and 400 bridges. Thus the nickname "Venice of the North."

The lure of Amsterdam lies in its canals. Calm, clean and devoid of our own Pasig's smell and color, the canals are attractions in themselves. We took a leisurely cruise with a choice of wine, beer or mineral water, and were provided an unobstructed view of the tall narrow houses standing domino-like along the banks.

While most of the houses stand erect, a few made me nervous seeing them inclined on their sides and on the verge of collapse, with only the neighboring house supporting them. I could not imagine myself living in such structures.

An interesting design of most, if not all, of the houses in the city is that the wooden poles beneath them are used for support to prevent them from sinking. Is that an architectural wonder worthy of Ripley's? Possibly, because the Royal Palace on Dam Square was designed in a similar fashion, with 13,659 poles underneath it—and still standing.

The cruise allowed us not only to discover almost every island making up Amsterdam but also to peek into the lives of the Dutch who make the labyrinthine canals their home. Living in what is termed a boathouse comes complete with all the amenities for comfort and even luxury (considering that the price of owning one is prohibitive). Some structures do not display the characteristics of a typical boathouse (with a bow and stern and transformed into a house). Rather, they are four-sided structures, with roofs and windows, perched on stationary concrete platforms permanently moored on the sides of the waterways. I saw very few float with the tide.

Beyond the facade of the city's grandeur lies a different Amsterdam. We did not attempt to enter even one of its 278 coffee shops or dared order a cup of coffee for we would have surely elicited surprised, if not annoyed, stares. Such coffee shops are totally different from the usual Starbucks, Seattle's Best, or Gloria Jean's. Instead, the city's biggest and most famous, The Grasshopper, and other smaller ones offered a different kind of stimulant: hashish and cannabis. Just like coffee, the prices varied according to class, source, and, more importantly, potency.

ISN'T IT ROMANTIC: typical boathouse

NO assembly-line worker, he: maker of wooden shoes

A recently enacted law by the Dutch government allows the regulation of drugs and the existence of open sources as well as tolerance for users. It was common to see users in parks and open squares getting their "high" under the watchful eye of the police. During our walking tours, even if I had my eyes shut, I could smell from a distance the "heavenly" aroma, totally distinct from tobacco, permeating the air.

It was during our day tour that we reached the city's most expensive street, Pieter Cornelisz Hoofstraat, and found branded items like Lacoste, Marks & Spencer, Chanel, Nine West, and Salvatore Ferragamo, among others, sold and their wares displayed in tall glass windows.

But it was during an evening walk in the narrow streets and alleys of Sint Annendwars Straat, Dollebejginen Steeg and Oudekennissteeg Centrum that we discovered, apart from the coffee shops, sex shops (such as the Absolute Danny and the eye-catching Casa Rosso, with its phallus-shaped fountain) and the Condomerie (condom museum), women displayed in similar glass windows.

A typical question asked of anyone who has visited Amsterdam is: "Did you go to the red-light district?"

Well, we did. Checking out the district is a must for any tourist; a visit to Amsterdam will be incomplete without it.

Alternating with the shops are individual glass windows behind which can be seen skimpily dressed women of various races. Each has her own bathroom or just a sink and a bed, which constitute the total "working area," and a black curtain for privacy.

We observed them—some staring blankly, others puffing on a cigarette, some establishing beguiling eye contact. With faces and bodies oozing with class and appeal, they were definitely cover material for glossy fashion magazines (not the tabloids proliferating in our Quiapo or peddled on España, slapped flat on our windshields during traffic stops).

The sight of seductive women, the aroma of grass, wandering pimps, African men selling sex toys and other "instruments," and suddenly the ear-splitting music of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" blaring from a record shop—what could possibly make our night in Amsterdam's red-light district more thrilling?

But our thrill was somewhat subdued and our conscience pricked, if not outright jolted, when out of nowhere, a church appeared.

Ironic, but true. (Try imagining the scene, rather like Judgment Day.)

Awkwardly situated in the red-light district is the Gothic-style Oude Kerk or Old Church, a Roman Catholic church built of bricks and blocks from the year 1300 until 1650. It is the oldest in the city, with 58 altars and more than 2,500 tombs mostly from the 17th century. It used to be called St. Nicolaaskerk, after the patron saint of children and seamen.

"What is the church doing here?" was the question we threw at our tour director.

"The church is for the women and their clients," said Thomas Smits, "so they can pray and ask forgiveness right away after committing sin and feeling the guilt."

But guilt, remorse, or sympathy was the least of what I felt after a tour of the red-light district. Instead, what I had were more enduring memories, not just of a district but of the whole city itself.

And the story about the little Dutch boy? I found the answer in Yahoo.

It was the 1865 beloved classic of Mary Elizabeth Mapes Dodge, "The Boy in the Dike," and the main character was Hans Brinker. The setting was the city of Haarlem, which is 19 kilometers west of Amsterdam.

I should have gone there. But it would have made a totally different story.

QUINTESSENTIALLY Dutch: windmill

TRAVELBRIEFS

Diving capital

PHILIPPINE Tourism Authority general manager Robert Dean Barbers assured local and foreign diving resort operators, instructors and travel agencies at a recent meeting that he would work to make the country the best scuba diving destination in Asia, to compete with Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

Barbers promised to make good use of the P20-million fund allocation for the Philippine Commission on Sports Scuba Diving, which he co-chairs, to perk up the diving industry and better promote Philippine diving spots, especially those in Palawan, Balicasag, Panglao, Puerto Galera and Anilao.

The Philippines is a popular destination among tourists for scuba diving and various marine studies. But the abuse of marine life, pollution and illegal fishing activities continue to endanger already fragile resources.

Some of the major issues and problems that were raised at the meeting were: poor information dissemination on Philippine diving spots; illegal dynamite fishing that destroys marine life; pollution; safety and security problems of tourists; and disorganized transport system and rates.

The foreign scuba diving experts also pointed out the lack of promotional activities of some local governments, less tourist-friendly places because of the absence of maps, and the need to train Filipino divers in rescue and emergency operations.

Barbers said the protection and conservation of Philippine marine life would be one of the top priorities of the PCSSD and PTA.

He promised to seek support from Congress and the executive branch through the enactment of laws that would enforce the initiative of the two agencies.

10 millionth passenger

CEBU Pacific (CEB) has a 10 millionth passenger: Alan Tan from Samar, traveling from Tacloban to Manila on flight 5J652 last Aug. 13.

Through the automated check-in system, Tan, a lawyer, was tracked and subsequently welcomed in style by officials led by the airline's general manager Bong Mojica and Assistant Secretary for the Air Transport Office Adelberto Yap.

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CHEFS in motion. Ricky, Gilbert and Rex with Madame Butterfly

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BANTAY Bata asset Gina Lopez and sexy Otta Montinola

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A VERY happy Gina Lopez with guest chef/fitness buff Dyan Castillejo

How to pig out and save your soul

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when **Ricco Ocampo** invited me to a 13-course banquet at Kai restaurant, I didn't make a big deal of it.

The fact that **Ricky Estrellado**, executive chef of Nobu (one of New York's most popular restaurants, where reservations must be made months before), was guest chef did not make my stomach start rumbling. The fact that the ingredients, including the highest grade of Kobe beef, were flown in just for the event did not make my salivary glands start pumping.

I only realized the significance of the entire event when my yoga buddy/restaurateur par excellence, **Malu Gamboa**, started to explain to me how high in the food chef totem pole Chef Ricky actually sits. And my appreciation further grew with her stories about how Nobu Restaurant in New York was full every day, and remained so even at the height of the "America Under Attack" months. And I was finally feeling famished when Malu explained how the Peruvian-influenced cuisine would be more global and executed in the team's rendition.

I still can't fathom what she meant by that last thing, but I guess it's like **Lani Misalucha** doing her own version and even improving on a Barbara Streisand classic. The fact that Chef Ricky would throw in a Pinoy aspect to the meal made me appreciate it more, since personalized execution always heightens an experience.

Perhaps the most important element of the dinner was that it was a fundraiser for the benefit of Bantay Bata 163 Children's Village, a 2.5-ha haven for abused kids located in Bulacan. So that evening, I enjoyed a really sumptuous meal, washed down with the thought that I was also helping improve the lives of more than 200 abused kids.

Aside from Chef Ricky, these Kaiseki meals were presented by chefs **Rex Soriano**, **Gilbert Pangilinan** and **Mike Yap**. It has never been so cool to be a chef. All of a sudden, it has become THE hip profession. I personally think it isn't a glamorous position to be in front of heated frying pans and smelling like garlic all day. Aside from that, I would definitely enhance those checkered chef pants, perhaps by having them beaded by my fave designer, **Rajo Laurel**.

I would rather be "front of the house," like **Pierre Angeli Dee**, who was part of the Nobu team that flew in for this event. Not only does Pierre Angeli take care of the guests but, more importantly, she is the true inspiration—no, even better, she is the passion—behind Chef Ricky's cooking! They make quite a pair.

I wonder who does the cooking when they are at home. I'll bet she makes him do the dishes. That's girl power! Or perhaps their secret to avoid the "I cook, you wash" discussion is that they just order Chinese takeout.

Considering it was a 13-course feast, I was not so late since I got to Greenbelt around 9 p.m., just as the Grilled Seafood Sampler was being served.

This was only the fourth item on the menu, and the waiters had thoughtfully placed the first three on the side, much to the delight of my famished husband, **Dennis**.

Item Four was an excellent blend of flavor, texture and taste. Consisting of yuzu-marinated octopus, prawn with coconut-wasabi sauce and Chilean sea bass with sweet-spicy sesame sauce, it was hard to believe this was just one of the courses because so much preparation had gone into it.

Malu mentioned at our table that the Nobu cuisine is all in the sauces. They even bottle it for sale in their restaurants. Maybe Kai can do their own version, so non-chefs like me can just buy a bottle, perhaps to serve at home to jazz up the McDonalds' Happy Meals my kids eat.

Another highlight of the menu was the Sautéed Kobe Beef over yuzu-scented inaniwa pad Thai. Luckily for my carnivorous husband, I am semi-vegetarian, so he had two servings of the beef. It was not a lot since the servings were quite small, but the marbling of the fat within the meat was what made the Kobe so deliciously dangerous.

Kai co-owner **Rikki Dee** had brought in several slabs of Kobe beef from his recent trip to Japan, but he made the mistake of freezing it. So all of Rikki's Kobe was rejected by the team because apparently, the freezing process destroys the meat. Friends of Rikki are eagerly awaiting his sure-to-come private party to consume this rejected but still very delicious meat.

Honestly, my favorite part was the last course—dessert. Coconut Rice Pudding Maki (bittersweet Valrhona chocolate wrapper and fresh fruit filling) was served in sushi form and was so good even if I was already stuffed to the brim. But as gourmands say, I always have

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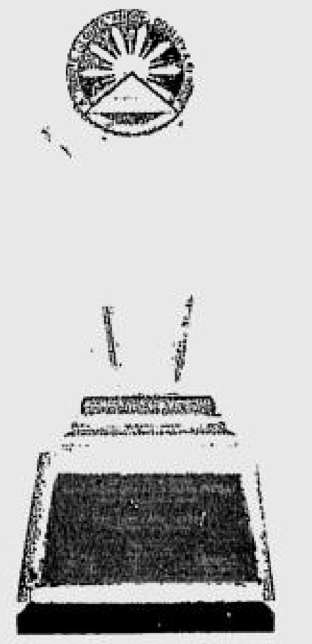

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room for dessert.

Besides, the Japanese kimono outfit I wore that night was expandable, so I had no problem. I even stood at the door to bid the guests goodbye, ready to shout "irashaimashe" or whatever it is they shout in Japanese restaurants. I was handed a tip by Rikki for doing an excellent job. This guy really treats his staff right. But if he wants me back there, he should tip me more because those kimonos cost a lot.

Gina Lopez of Bantay Bata was truly happy with the first of the three-night event. In her speech, she was amazed at the full-to-capacity support and the service of the staff. Forever giving a helping hand, Gina is like a glam version of Mother Teresa to the less fortunate.

Gina has been doubly showered with donations because a couple of weeks after Kai, Bantay Bata 163 was also the beneficiary at the opening of Mandarin Oriental's newly renovated coffee shop, Paseo Uno. For each of 12 guest celebrity "chefs" to officiate at the opening of the coffee shop's four open kitchens, the hotel donated P5,000.

Half of the chefs were show-biz celebrities, while the other half were interesting personalities like chic socialite **Baby Arenas**, fashion czar **Pitoy Moreno**, Silk Cocoon owner-designer **Jeannie Goulbourn**, model-perfect **Rissa Samson** and of course, INQUIRER's tardy but dynamic duo, **Tim Yap** and myself.

Tim and I just went to our posts at the dessert bar and greeted the even-later-than-us guests who arrived. We both refused to be stationed at any of the live cooking stations, especially the tempura frying area, since that was, for both of us, only Event No. 1 of the evening. Clearly, we did not want to bring Eau de Tempura to Event Nos. 2 and 3!

As I scouted around for the other guest chefs, all of whom were provided a chef's jacket, apron and sports cap, I noticed one guest with long, lovely purple hair. Of course, I felt challenged because I have a passion for hair. In fact, that evening, my five-wig head gear had been skillfully arranged by **Eric Maningat** for an Anonymous pictorial the day before and I just had Hairbytes in Forbes put it in place again. My head gear was so huge, the cap could not fit and neither did the chef's jacket, since I wore a **Patrice Diaz** feathered wrap-around. In short, they should have just put me in the reception desk.

The 142-guest, talk-of-the-town coffee shop has been full ever since its soft opening last June. The Japanese design motif was done by Design Studio Spin of **Hasushiro Koichi** and **Masakasu Koizumi**. Though it seems like a scattered maze layout, the flow presents the open kitchens one by one, so guests cannot but survey the dishes before settling down and choosing only their favorites.

KAI hotshot guests, Ambassador Alfonso Yuchengco and Trade Secretary Mar Roxas

BOSOM buddies and resto partners Ricco Ocampo and Rikki Dee

There is nothing worse than having to unbutton your pants due to overeating. **Robbie Mananquil**, Mr. Abs-to-die-for model, told me he had to do that in his last visit to Paseo. I can't believe that he pigs out, but God is just so good to him that none of his porcine capacity for food shows.

Paseo Uno is fast becoming the favorite buffet-style restaurant of many, including my parents, **Alex** and **Marixi Prieto**. I have declined an invitation from them twice because my self-control gets stuck at the reception desk. Even if I try to limit my invasion to their extensive salad bar with fresh, interesting dressings, the problem is this bar is right next to the oysters.

And I'm not one to resist a good, fresh aphrodisiac when I see one. To make matters worse, with my "*ayaw malugi*" attitude, I tend to eat all the desserts, too.

And so it is that lately, eating good food has been feeding my soul, too. It's great to be part of events that share so much with the less fortunate. God has showered us with gifts so graciously so we should do our best to spread these around.

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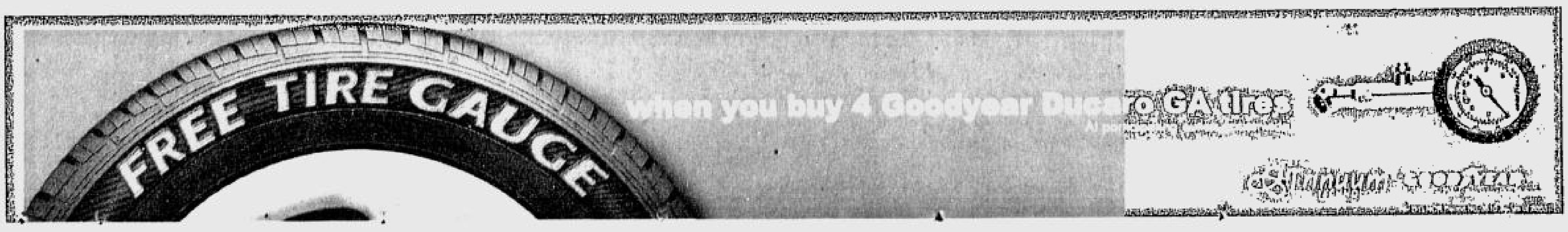

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"KONNICHIWA Kitty" is another entry.

Happy times are here again

THE "WHY Smile? Gift Gate and Fuji film Photo Contest" is winding down with a series of activities to be highlighted by the final judging and awarding of prizes on Sept. 21 at Glorietta mall in Makati City.

With P1 million worth of cash and prizes at stake, the contest attracted over 1,500 entries.

The first prize winner will receive P150,000 and a Fujifilm Fine Pix S602 digital camera; the second, P100,000 cash and a Fuji 603 digital camera; the third, P75,000 cash and a Fuji 410 digital camera. Two runners up will go home with Fuji 601 digital camera each and 25 finalists will get Fujifilm Instax Mini camera each.

Gift Gate is handing out P50,000, P30,000, P20,000 and P10,000 worth of gift checks and Fuji 601 digital cameras to its special awardees. There will also be People's Choice Awards.

The "Why Smile?" photo contest culminates with the "Happy Time Party" at SM Megamall Atrium, Building B on Sept. 20 and Glorietta Activity Center on Sept. 20-21.

"Happy Time Party" will allow the public to vote for their favorite photos for the People's Choice Awards. Everyone who casts a vote gets free Yakisoba and Red Iced Tea from Tokyo Tokyo.

In addition, a minimum purchase of P300 from any Gift Gate, Swatch, Sanrio Surprises Store or Fujifilm Stores gives a customer the opportunity to 1) join any Happy Time Party game like "Treat-of-the-Hour" and "Spin the Wheel" or (2) have a souvenir digital Fujifilm photo taken with Hello Kitty or in mock-up fashion shoot.

The wishes of some children who are a part of Make-A-Wish Foundation will likewise be granted during the event. MAWF is an international group whose mission is to grant wishes to critically ill kids from 3-18 years old.

ANOTHER reason-to-smile entry: "Gilles Takes a Swing at Life"

Furniture exhibit showcases novel home ideas

BLIMS Fine Furniture presents its grand exhibit, "In Fusion," which features the latest, classic-inspired furniture pieces by Simmons, a world-renowned name in home furniture from the USA. The exhibit proves the versatility of classics as these timeless pieces take on a new character when combined with Oriental, modern and eclectic accents. Home entertainment systems by Philips complement the lifestyle settings.

Hence, "In Fusion" is definitely more than just a furniture exhibit. It is a rich source of innovative lifestyle solutions. With the creative genius of Leo Almeria of the Philippine Institute of Interior Designers, Blims transforms a strategic 250 sq m area of Glorietta into a place where East meets West, naughty meets nice, casual fuses with formal, and classic is given a modern twist. Delight in the dramatic blend of moods and designs portrayed in about 10 lifestyle vignettes.

"In Fusion" is at the L/G, Glorietta 3, Ayala Center, Makati, until Sept. 21.

THE WRANGLER Sofa Set is, in itself, a fusion, with its bold denim fabric packaged in a truly classic frame.

Mall pays tribute to grandparents

FESTIVAL Supermall in Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang, honors grandparents this month with a host of freebies and exciting activities for *lolo't lola* and the whole family.

Every minimum single food purchase of P500 from any participating restaurant on Chef's Avenue, the mall's gastronomical strip on Level 3, will entitle grandparents to a free photo session or free blood pressure and eye checkup, osteoporosis screening and other medical consultations until today.

From Sept. 15-27, techie grandparents will enjoy the Techno Fair at the Carousel Court, which has the biggest one-stop source of high-tech electronics and communications gadgets, tools and equipment south of Manila.

They can also shop for the latest in video and audio electronics, personal computers, PC games, cellular phones, Internet connection and other high-tech gadgets available in the market today. Grandparents will also get a chance to win raffle prizes.

For the home buddies, the "Nueva Vizcaya Goes to Alabang" exhibit at the Carousel Court is worth visiting.

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2 Day 2: Super Muscle Builder
Sept. 15, Monday, is the day for the athletic. Teams of advertisers and Super! young athletes will compete in fitness games at Play Underground in Powerplant Mall from 6pm onwards. Flex those muscles and start warming up. Super! will push you to the limit.

3 Day 3: Super! Comedy and Karaoke
Celebrities, readers and advertisers will take I.O. and Comfort Room by storm on Tuesday, Sept. 16, in a night packed with music and quality comedy. From 8:30 p.m. onwards.

4 Day 4: Super! Ghetto Fabulous!
Celebrities, readers, R&B fanatics, breakdancers, homeboys and fly girls will be taking over Absinth in Greenbelt 3 for a night to remember on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 10 p.m.

5 Day 5: Super! X-posed
Super! gets naughty on Thursday night, Sept. 18, in Bed, Maria Orosa, Malate. Games and prizes await the wild and the willing.
For your dose of posh R&B, check out Steve Mills at Azzuro@Sommerset, Aguirre Street. Groove amid a plush scene of fun and fab. From 10p.m. onwards.

6 Day 6: The Launch of Super!
This is one Super! weekend you will never forget. Big Fish and Addict mobile, Wrangler, Jose Cuervo bring in international DJ Danny Howells (top 12 in the world) to coincide with the launch of Super! He will be spinning at CATS disco of the New World Renaissance with our very own DJ Tuck Cheah at 10 p.m. After party to be announced. Super! surprises await everyone.

7 Day 7: Super! "Circo Loco" with NBK
DJ Manolet Dario and percussionist Fritz Darth jam with Super! at Dream Bar 6750 at 10p.m. House music, anthems, Latin beats – a free flowing night of fun vibe and fab people.

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*All events are on a first come, first served basis.
Your Super! tips to make sure you make it to the events:
1. Cut out the Super! logo found on the September 13 issue of Saturday Special Super!
2. Be at the gate when it opens on the specified time of the night. (Make sure you're there before the others do.)
3. Register your names to claim your freebies and to be a part of the raffle for the night.
4. Make sure you are identified as a Super! guest so wear your Super! buttons all the time. (Super! buttons will serve as your passport to the other nights.)
5. Have ultimate fun with the other Super! guests all throughout the week. Ain't that Super?!

Cardinal Vidal blesses Our Lady of Manaoag Rosary Center in Cebu

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

EDNA Ouano Toral once joined a pilgrimage to Manaoag organized by Chito Makalintal. Inside the church, she asked Our Lady of Manaoag for healing because she was very sick at that time. She doesn't remember if she promised Our Lady she would propagate her devotion, but she did.

In 1994, she called Our Lady's shrine in Manaoag to talk to a priest. It was Fr. James Alamillo, OSB, who answered her call. Edna asked permission to enthrone the image of Our Lady in St. Joseph Church in Mandaue City, Cebu, where the Ouano family is from.

On Sept. 6, 1996, the image was enthroned at the left side of the church near the front door. The image then was a two-feet statue which she bought in Manaoag. On Mar. 26, 1997, a replacement image made of ivory and wood was enthroned and blessed by Cardinal Vidal, and is now inside the niche dedicated to Our Lady.

To date, there are now 33 churches and chapels in Cebu and Leyte where the image of Our Lady of Manaoag is enthroned. The latest was in the women's section of the Cebu city jail where 200 female inmates are held. The image was enthroned there in the morning of Sept. 7.

Corte, Carmen prayer center

God's plan was fulfilled on Sept. 8, birthday of Mama Mary, when Cardinal Vidal blessed the Rosary Center of Our Lady of Manaoag in barrio Corte in Carmen. The center sits on an 800-sq m area with the five-feet image of the Virgin dressed in gold vestments sewn by Sally Gorayeb enthroned in the middle, with a painting of people below. On the side walls are paintings of the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary, beautifully painted by Gary Carabio and Mar Vidal.

Al Arriesgado, who has his own miracle to tell, made the beautiful statue of the Virgin. Cely Valero of Manila Art Frames did the framing. Architect Antonio Pavagsa designed the center, while Al Perez was the contractor. Al Rey did the trucking for the huge paintings from Cebu City to barrio Corte.

How did this event come to pass? We have to go back to when the monks of St. Benedict of St. Sylvester were first invited by Cardinal Vidal to come to Cebu and put up a monastery there.

Abbot General Andrea Pantaloni came with Fr. Thomas and two other monks in February 1999 and built the St. Benedict chapel in the hilly barrio of Corte in the town of Carmen.

At that time, Edna Toral was looking for a place to erect a Rosary Center, which a dream had told her to build. Learning about this, the monks donated the land below the chapel.

On December 2001, with only P37,000, Edna began the arduous task of quarrying the hill to make it flat. She employed at least 50 men living in the area to do the work.

Donations slowly came from benefactors who wanted to remain anonymous. With courage and a lot of faith, Edna went on with the work, and on Sept. 8, she met the deadline to hold the blessing of the center on Mama Mary's birthday.

With Fr. Patricio Apa, prior of the Manaoag Shrine in Pangasinan, Abbot General Pantaloni who came from Rome, Fr. James Alamillo and 15 other priests, the center was blessed by Cardinal Vidal with at least 400 people from all walks of life in attendance.

People who want to come to the Rosary Center may text 0917-3210711 for directions.

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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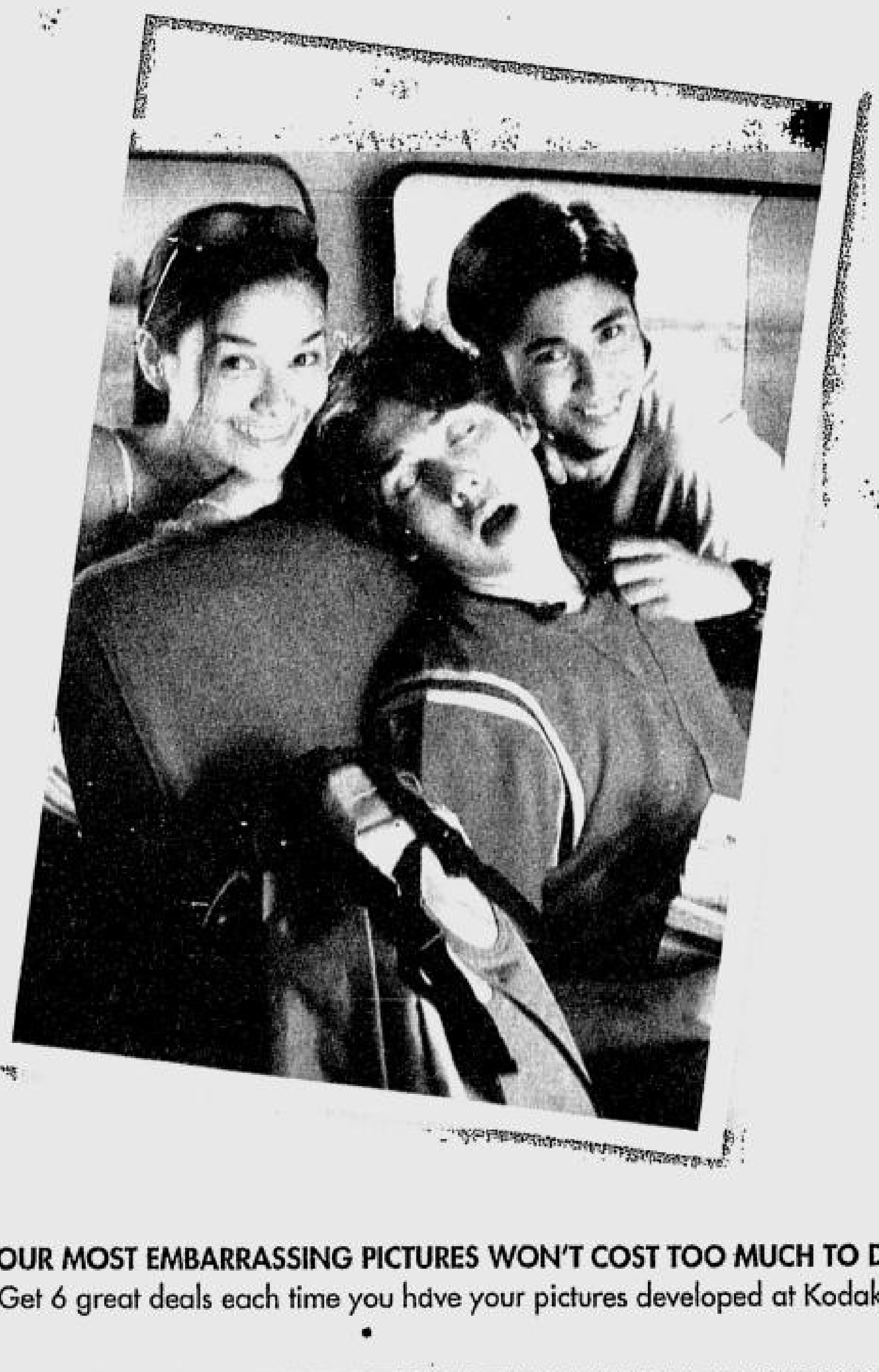

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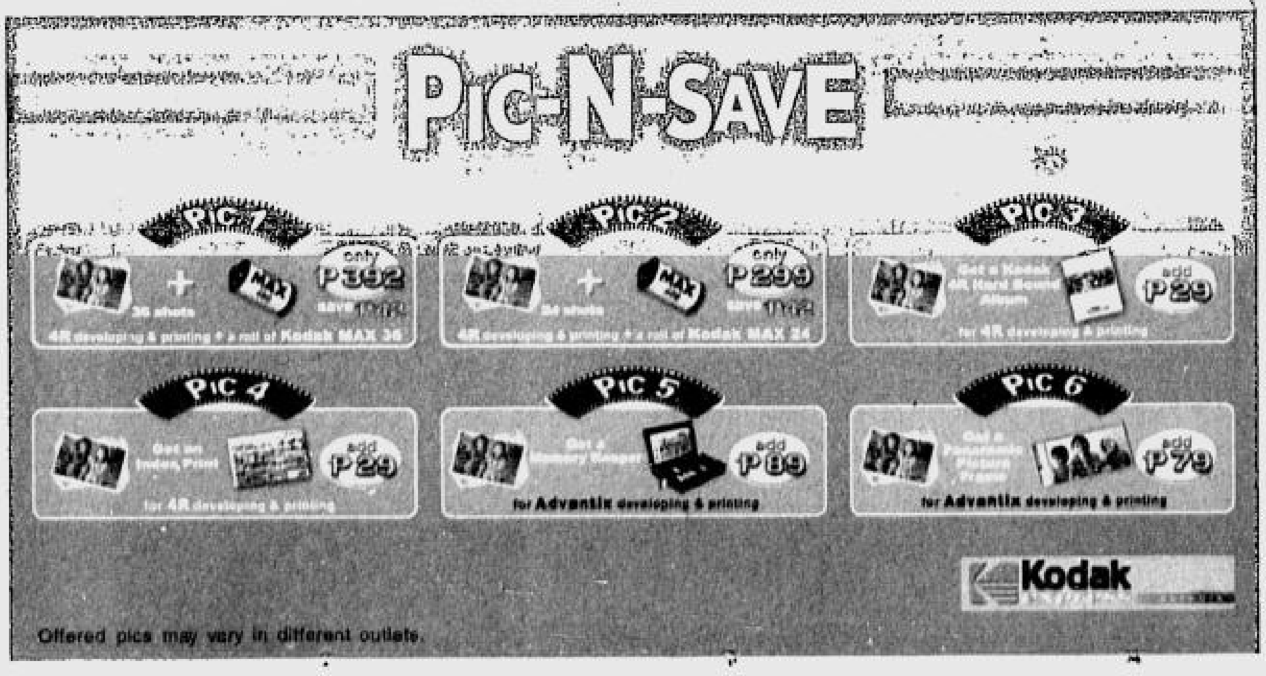
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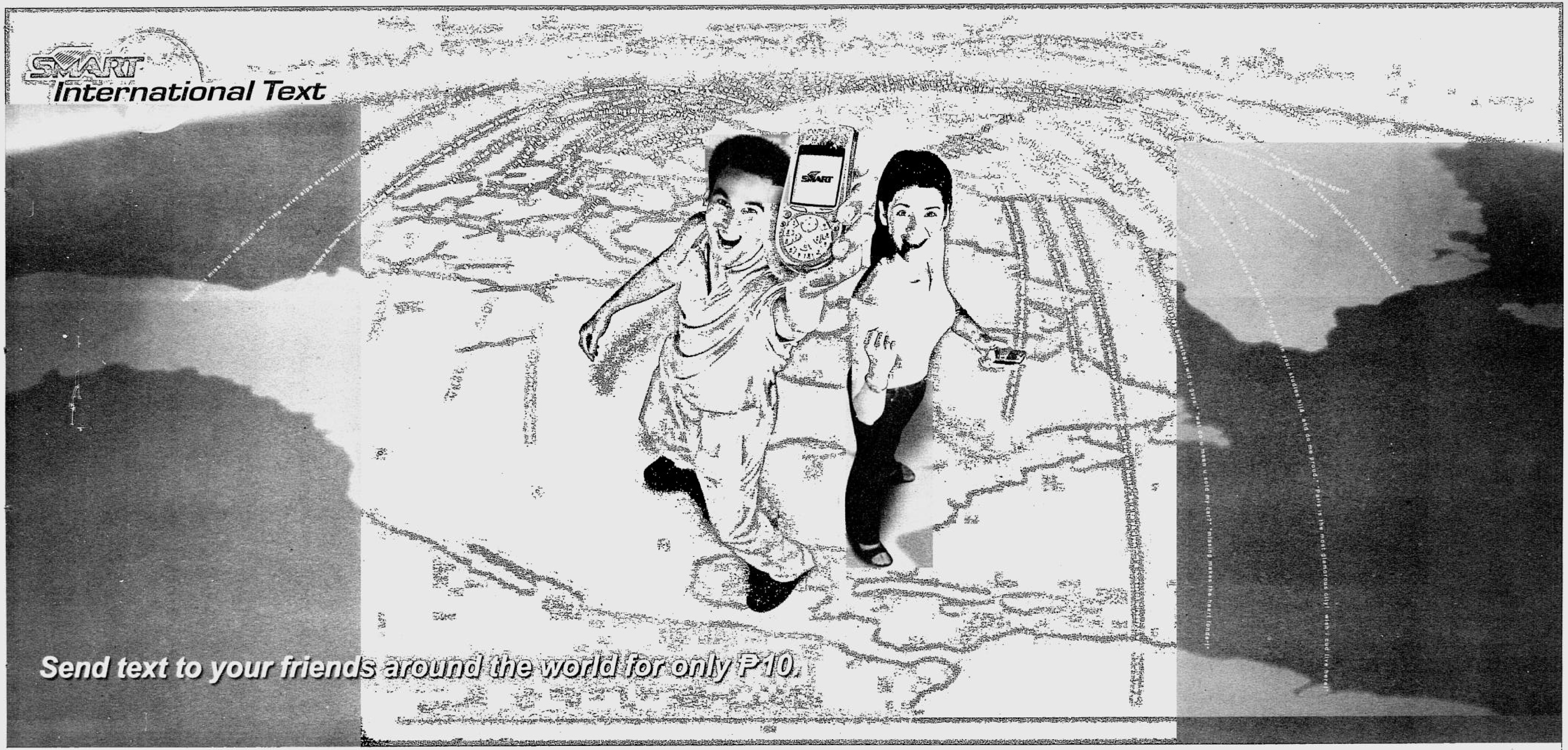
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Midday national-day fetes now the 'in' thing

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

MIDDAY celebrations of national days are beginning to be the "in" thing among foreign embassies.

The latest such event was the well-attended Venezuelan National Day hosted by Ambassador **Milena Ramirez** and Dr. **Carlos Ramirez Faria** at the InterCon ballroom.

There was the Mideast bloc of Libyan Ambassador **Salem Adam**, Iranian Ambassador **Gholamreza Yousefi**, Kuwaiti Ambassador **Ibrahim al-Muhanna**, United Arab Emirates Ambassador **Mohammed Ebrahim Al-jowaid**.

The Latin countries' envoys, such as Cuban Ambassador and Ms **Ramon Alonso**, Chilean Ambassador **Carmen Lynam**, Brazilian Ambassador **Claudio Lyra**, Mexican Ambassador **Enrique** and **Mariana Hubbard**, Argentine Ambassador and Ms **Mario Schuff**, Peruvian Ambassador **Jorge Chavez** were there as well as friends from the business and social circles.

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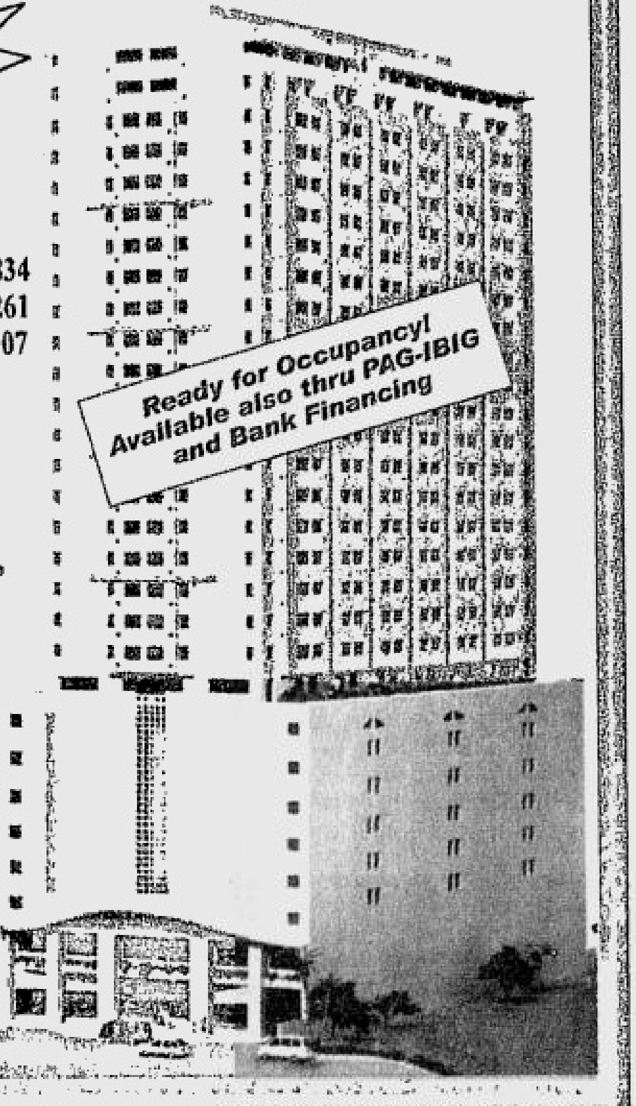

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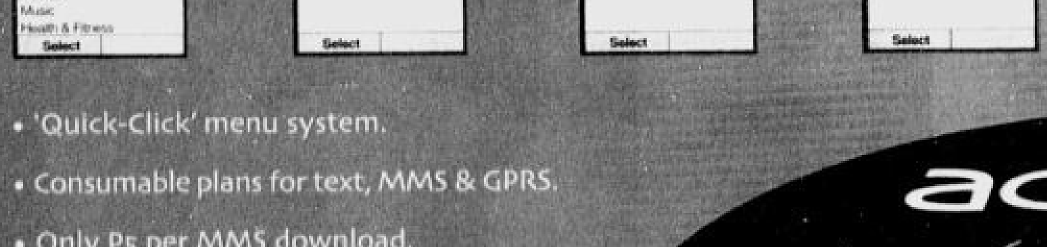

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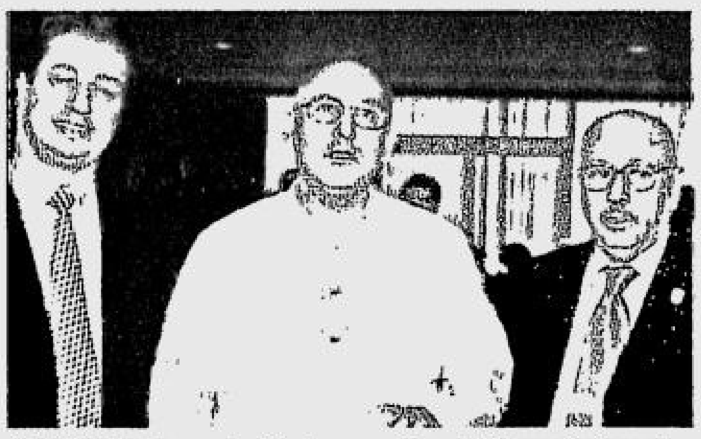

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DR. CARLOS Faria

Midday national-day fetes now the 'in' thing

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the gracious ambassador saw to it that dishes native to Venezuela were included, such as Pavellon, a mixture of meat, black beans, fried bananas and rice; and Arepas bread made of corn flour and eaten with meat or fish.

One of the outstanding lady envoys, Ambassador Ramirez, whose tour of duty ends in December, is now even studying for an MBA to add to her numerous credentials. In her four years here, she has made so many friends who will surely miss her.

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Former street parliamentarians, now government bureaucrats and politicians, came in force to the launch of the Benigno "Ninoy" S. Aquino Jr. commemorative coin on the 20th anniversary of his death sponsored by GoldQuest International Ltd., the global numismatic company based in Hong Kong.

The Peninsula ballroom was filled with people literally wall-to-wall. It was a joyous occasion for friends who hadn't seen each other in a while, like **Angie Catajoy, Nena Ortol, Miren Fuentes** and **Tess Baltazar.**

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CHRIS Carreon, chair of The Spirit of Edsa Foundation, former President Corazon Aquino and Joseph Bismark

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Although popular Canadian Ambassador **Robert Collette** has now been reassigned as chief of protocol back home, he'll return next month to visit wife **Marilyn** at the Asian Development Bank and no doubt see his many local friends.

Dr. **Luciano** and **Helen Ong** tendered one of the last farewell dinners for the couple at their Forbes Park residence. The buffet featured Plaza's roast beef and famous caviar mousse and salmon spread.

The talk, however, was somber. In our table, it centered on the inability of the Philippine government to avail of foreign loans for infrastructure and other needs.

So, before the senators go on wild goose chases tearing apart each other's already frayed reputation, perhaps they should take a serious look at the battered economy. Or maybe that particular problem's beyond them.

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Agnes Huibonhoa, chief of staff of the Office of the Vice President, and Honorary Consul to Monaco **Fortune Ledesma,** hosted a farewell reception as well for Canadian Ambassador and Ms Robert Collette at the Manila Polo Club, attended by members of the diplomatic corps, and business and social friends of the couple.

SPANISH Ambassador Ignacio Sagaz and Cuban Ambassador Ramon Alonso

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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Donna J. Stone

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5 Alias initials
8 Hot tub
11 Speedometer abbr.
14 "Mama" Elliot
18 Continue
19 "Wichita —" ('68 hit)
21 Rossini's "Le Comte —"
22 Length x width
23 Tiny singing insect?
25 White wine
27 Actress Braga
28 Sailor's quaff
29 Prima —
30 Language suffix
31 Carmen, for one
33 Corral feature
36 Wicked thing?
38 Date
41 Poet Thomas
42 Tivoli's Villa d'—
43 C&W's Holly
44 TV's "— the Explorer"
46 Josip Broz
48 Crooked
52 Enjoy the Alps
53 Locale for little folk?
57 Memo start
58 Terrifying
61 Part of USNA
62 Andes animal
64 Writer Wolfert
65 Spectra or Sedona
66 Cantaloupe's cousin
69 Utah city
70 "Mazel —!"
71 '70 Dawn hit
74 Where a scoundrel worships?
76 Specimen
78 Commotion
79 Bro and sis
81 Soviet dictator
83 — polloi
84 Handshaker
85 Slezak or Eleniak
87 Charged atom
88 Linda Lavin sitcom
90 Art deco designer
92 Most likely a torch?
96 Kit- — Club
98 Actress Witherspoon
100 — Lap (racehorse)
101 Navy warrior
102 French bean?
103 Cry of grief
106 Aromatic plant
108 Neither sharp nor flat
110 Wellesley graduate
112 Norse narrative
113 Williams of "Happy Days"
114 Atty.'s org.
115 Tut's turf
117 Actress Virna
119 Range rope
123 Garage supply
125 Teeth-grinding cop?
128 Sinister
129 Genetic info
130 Numskull
131 "Dies —"
132 Transmit
133 Rep.
134 Sound like a hound
135 "Kidnapped" monogram
136 Highflying agcy.

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1 Future turtles
2 Non-stereo
3 Haunted-house sound
4 Immune-system stimulus
5 Clay, today
6 Caribbean capital
7 Fuming
8 Polluted
9 Good buddy
10 Chemical suffix
11 Italian statesman Aldo
12 "When Doves Cry" singer
13 Serengeti scavengers
14 Hubbard or Ripken
15 Israel's Sharon
16 It may be common
17 Wise guy?
20 System starter
24 Moon Mullins' brother
26 Word with Clara, Monica, or Barbara
29 Toothy?
32 Squat
34 Can. province
35 Whippet's wagger
37 Actor Arnaz
38 QB's stats
39 Diving birds
40 Basketball-playing actor?
41 Patterned fabric
45 Barrett or Jaffe
47 Christiania, today
49 Fussy fabric shopper?
50 Flynn of films
51 Spin a web
54 Linda of "Dynasty"
55 Ms. Silkwood
56 NYSE rival
59 Assistance
60 Annual award?
63 Menotti character
66 Feverish spot?
67 Marshal Masterson
68 Be of use
71 Gambol
72 Put on a pedestal
73 Bogarde or Benedict
75 Plaza Hotel kid
77 Miss Piggy's pronoun
80 Omit
82 "Come Back, Little Sheba" writer
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91 Son of Rebekah
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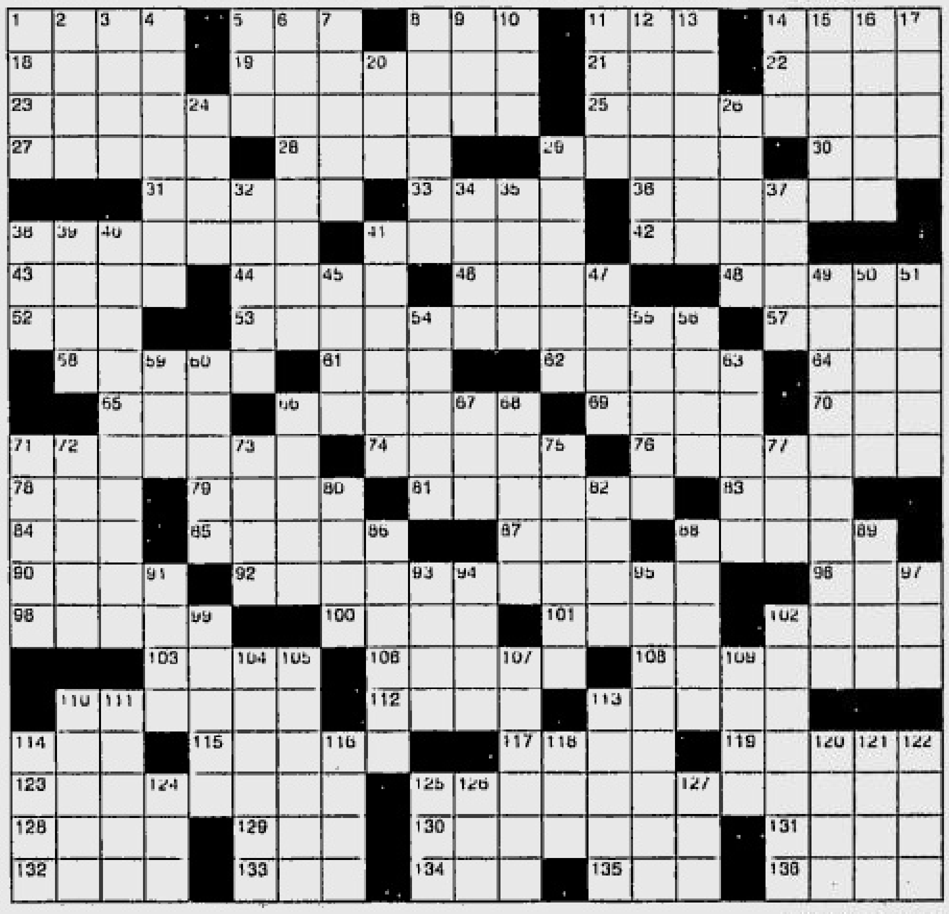

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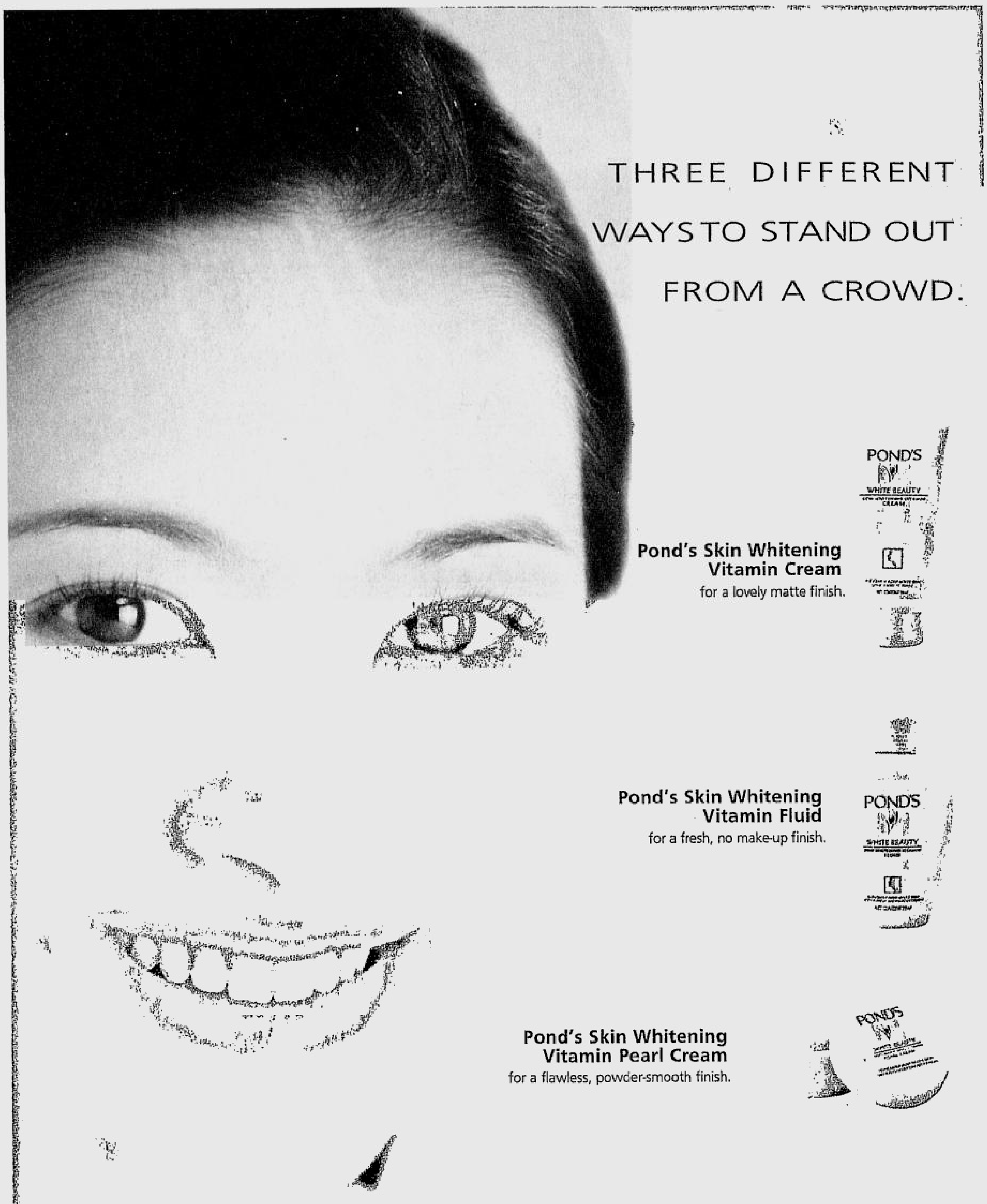

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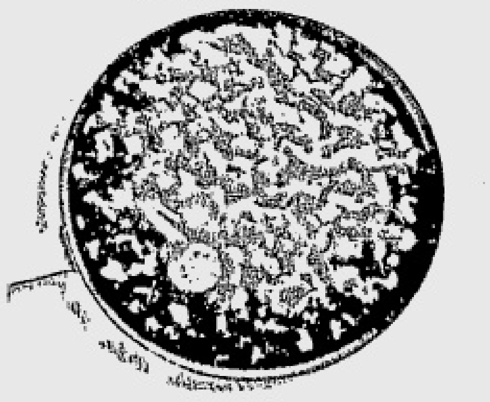

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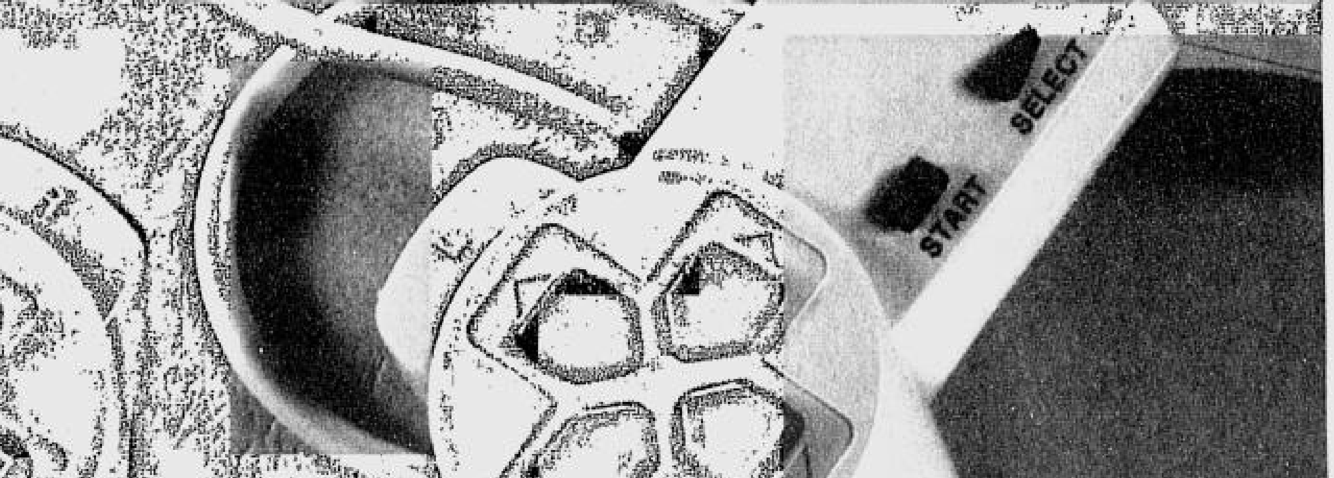
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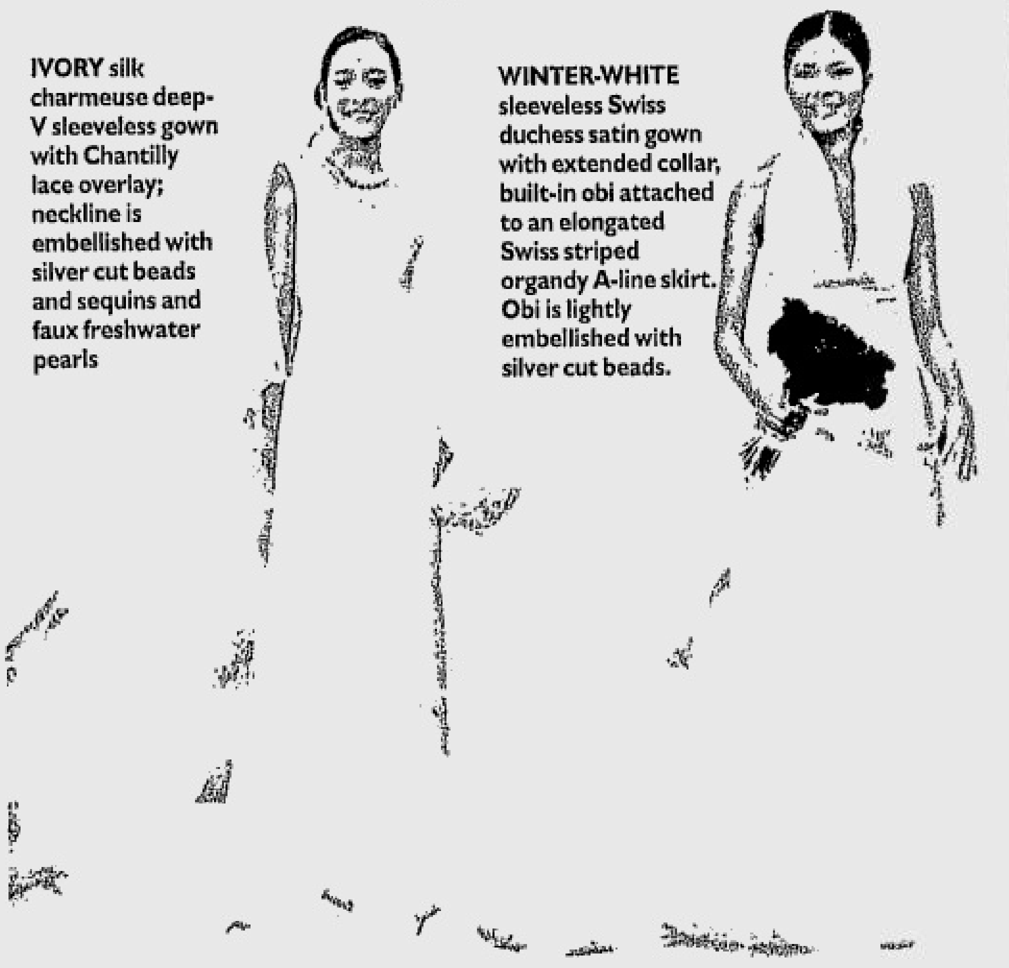


IVORY silk charmeuse deep-V sleeveless gown with Chantilly lace overlay; neckline is embellished with silver cut beads and sequins and faux freshwater pearls

WINTER-WHITE sleeveless Swiss duchess satin gown with extended collar, built-in obi attached to an elongated Swiss striped organdy A-line skirt. Obi is lightly embellished with silver cut beads.

Matrimony becomes Michi

Text by Allison W. Lopez
Photos by Jim Guiao Punzalan

BRIDAL designer Michi Calica-Sotto is pregnant yet again, in a manner of speaking. Four years after her last show, she's bursting with fresh ideas for the blushing Filipina bride.

In her upcoming fashion show, "Michi Calica... Timeless," the 34-year-old designer will showcase her latest bridal creations, the result of an opportune hiatus from the scene. She will present her exquisite 25-piece collection of bridal gowns and formals at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel's "Wedding Celebrations 2004" on Sept. 21.

Now a mother of two toddlers, Calica-Sotto reveals that her family has become her main inspiration. From spending everyday moments with them, Calica-Sotto has uncovered a well of ideas in this sea of utter contentment.

"I guess you're more appreciative of things," she says. "I just love waking up to my husband's freshly cooked Spanish omelette, and watching my kids locked in an embrace while on a swing. Even finding a hard-to-find fabric like real silk Chantilly lace makes me enormously happy."

Perhaps it is this serenity that gives her collection a noticeably warm glow. Describing her collection as "pure and sentimental," Calica-Sotto's creations speak of subtlety and grace, femininity and fluidity.

"Everything about it is sumptuous," she says of her delectable pieces. "I always say my creations are easy to wear and easy to love; pretty without being cloying, up-to-the-minute without being shallow." In a nutshell, timeless, indeed.

Her collection is as sinuous as its fabrics. Using mostly silk chiffon, which she describes as "versatile, and it moves gracefully with you," Calica-Sotto creates bridal finery with every woman in mind.

"Soft fabrics like silk chiffon are perfect for outdoor weddings, which are common nowadays," she says. "It's not only for slim women because it doesn't cling."

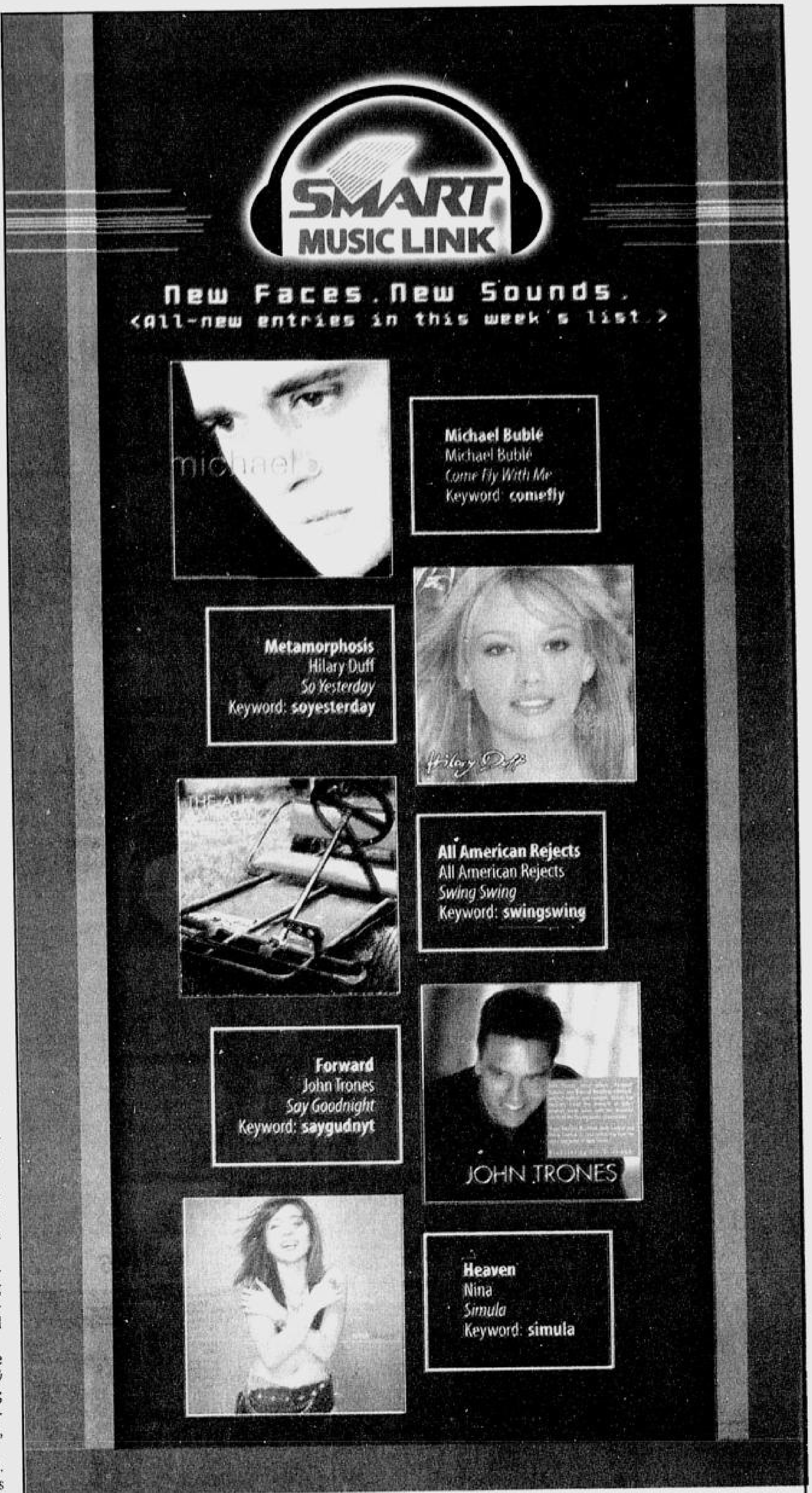
Calica-Sotto has been designing for women for eight years. She was awarded the Carolina Herrera Fashion Design scholarship in 1993 and continued her post-graduate studies at the Art Institute of Seattle.

In a sneak preview of the show, Calica-Sotto displayed her trademark glamour without the frills. Out of five gowns, there were the classic (strapless gown with geometric cut on bodice), the romantic (feather-like organza embellishments), the very updated (extended collar and built-in obi sash), the elegant (Chantilly lace overlay) and the outdoorsy (satin silk). The common thread? An ultra-feminine touch that only a female designer like Calica can give.

"I've only been away from shows. The last four years have actually been the busiest. This year's show is a very sincere extension of my work," she says.

"Wedding Celebrations 2004" will be held on Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Isla Ballroom and Convention Center, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Over 160 exhibitors will be participating. Call 6338888 or 7500314. Admission is free.

WINTER-WHITE Italian satin gown with skinny straps, mermaid skirt and illusion tulle wrap, embellished with organza clovers studded with Swarovski crystals and cut beads



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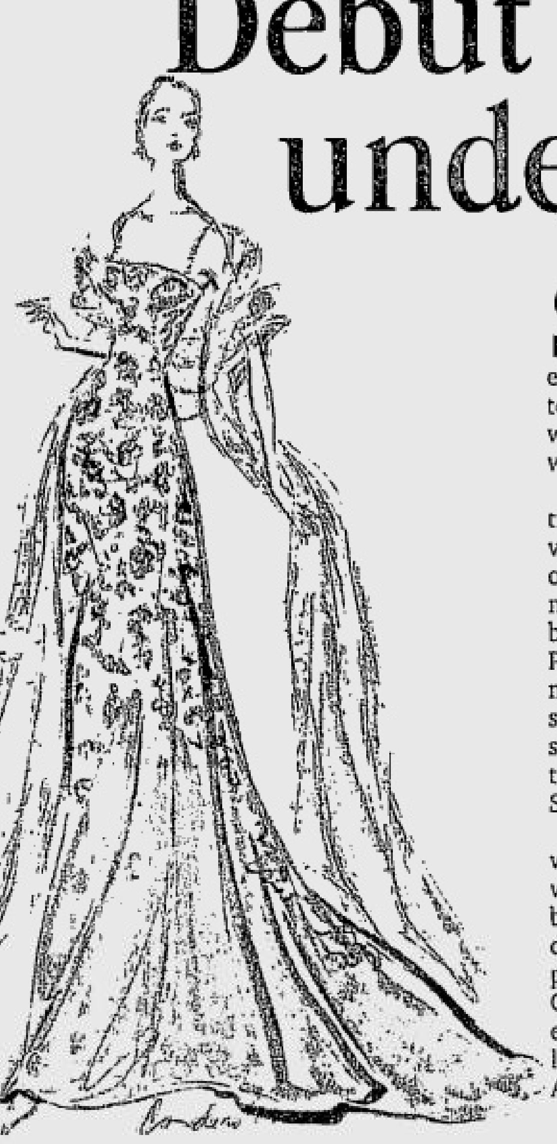

Debutante Sasha Elizalde was resplendent in her deep royal blue dupione silk gown by Auggie Cordero

SASHA Elizalde, daughter of businessman Fred J. Elizalde, recently celebrated her 18th birthday at Dusit Hotel's grand ballroom. Cocktails were served at the foyer designed with yellow and ivory roses.

The ballroom was magically transformed, highlighted with varying shades of blue. Blooms of hydrangeas, white roses and millefleurs were arranged into beautiful centerpieces by Toni Parsons. These blooms were matched with fresh seaweeds set on pink sand. The under-the-sea motif was incorporated into the five-layer fondant by Heny Sison.

Guests were overwhelmed when Sasha entered the ballroom with her doting father. Serenaded by Robert Seña, Sasha walked radiantly in her deep royal blue dupione silk gown by Auggie Cordero. Guests were then treated to a sumptuous dinner followed by performances by Isay Alvarez and husband Robert.

Also, the ballroom reverberated with the performance by Lani Misalucha who sang "I Will Love You," "My Heart Will Go On" and "Tila." Later, guests danced the night away to the music of Freestyle.

The evening glittered with guests: Former First Lady Imelda R. Marcos (who was the first to present the 18 candles), Gretchen Oppen Cojuangco (the last to present), former governor Tony Leviste and wife Sen. Loren Legarda, Tessie Cruz, Bianca Araneta, Pinky del Rosario, Mary Ann Tinio and Elpi Cuna.

Highlighting the celebration was the *cotillon de honor* under the direction of Ballet Manila's principal *danseur* Osias Barroso Jr. Resplendent and good-looking in their blue ball gowns and *barong Tagalog*, the pairs captivated the audience with their grace.

Members included: Alvin Santos and Gabriella Galvez, Jerome Espejo and Jenny Olayvar, Jonathan Janolo and Eileen Lopez, Gerardo Francisco and Sofia Sangco, Aldrin Villanueva and Mylene Aggabao, Lemuel Capa and Marian Faustino, Romeo Peralta and Sam Sayson, Eric Mallari and Zaira Cosico, Francis Cascano and Christine Rocas, Glenn Ragel and Ea Torrado, Clark Dimayuga and Danica Rili, Nathaniel Engay and Gabrielle Conde.

The traditional dance of 18 roses (with live accompaniment by an 18-piece orchestra) followed. Sasha's first dance was her father, followed by Osias, Patrick Parsons (Sasha's *ninong*), Pazu Eteve, Joly Macuja, Juan Elizalde, Santi Elizalde, Jols Patten (who came all the way from the UK with wife Caterina Elizalde-Patten), Jonathan Janolo, Cesar Macuja, Aldrin Villanueva, Alvin Santos, Mark Lao, Lemuel Capa, Nathaniel Engay, Marcus Tolentino, Gerardo and Tyron Casanova.

The 18 candles participants included Ms Marcos, Susan P. Macuja, Adela Salas Gatlin, Lisa Macuja-Elizalde, Toni, Maria Eteve, Janette Tenoria, Rina Veloso, Megan Eteve, Dr. Marvie Abesamis, Danica Rili, Bugsy Bugay, Caterina, Eileen Lopez, Emma Eresco, Sofia, Zaira Cosico and Gretchen.

Guests brimmed with delight when Sasha performed an Irish dance, which she herself choreographed, with the Ballet Manila dancers.

But the scene stealer was when Sasha sang "On My Own" after delivering her emotional "thank-you" speech where she gave tribute to her mom, the late Joan Gatlin Elizalde, as well as Erick V. Cruz, Ballet Manila's artistic adviser, and Cindy Elizalde, wife of cousin Santi, who both passed away this year.

FIRST DANCE. Sasha and dad Fred J. Elizalde

SANTI Elizalde, Juan Elizalde, Caterina Elizalde-Patten, Lisa Macuja-Elizalde, Imelda R. Marcos, the debutante, Fred J. Elizalde, Mac and Missy Elizalde

Milestones

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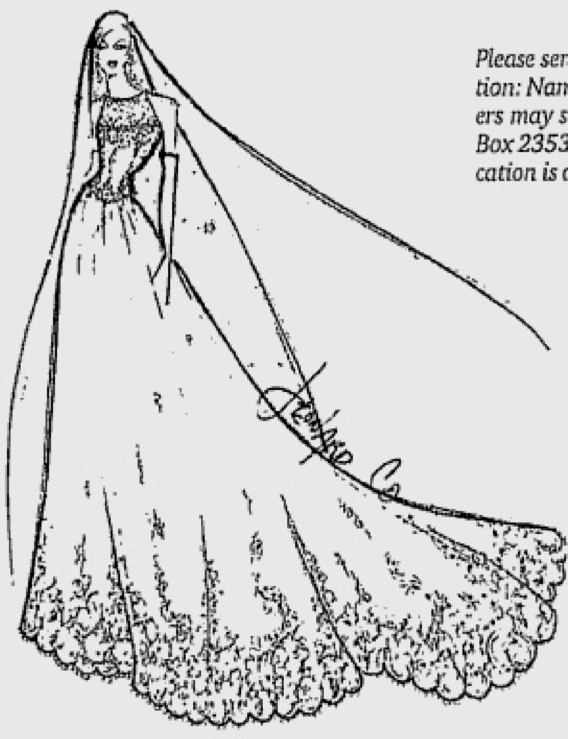
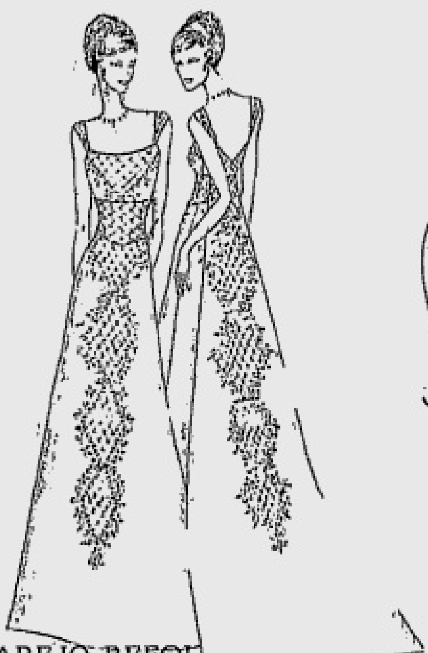


ONG-GRAU

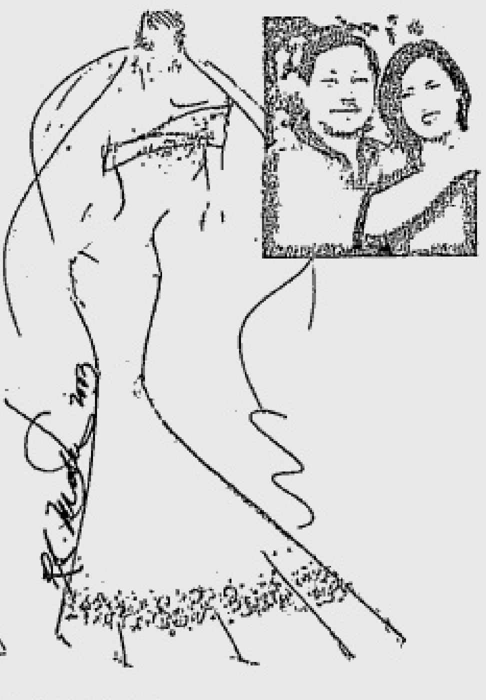
Walter Ong tied the knot with **Ma. Simonette Grau**, daughter of **Felipe** and **Susan Grau**, on Sept. 7 at Manila Cathedral. The bride wore a white duchess satin semi-haltered top in see-through organdy with a three-meter train embroidered in floral pattern and cutout design, beaded with crystal cut beads, sequins, nakar pearl and Swarovski stones, designed by **Leonard Co.**



MELGAREJO-REFOL

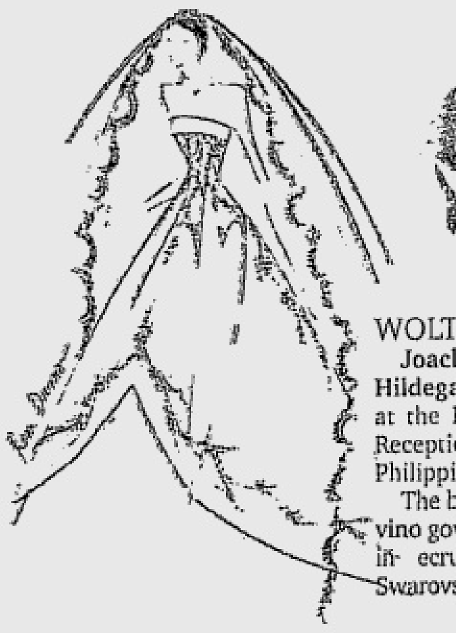
Sheila Refol, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Nolasco Refol**, will wed **Godfrey Melgarejo Jr.**, son of Mr. and Ms **Godfrey Melgarejo Sr.**, on Sept. 26 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Kalibo, Aklan. Reception will follow at Teranova Garden, Kalibo.

The bride will wear an A-line, princess cut gown by **Jay Masangya** with embellished detachable obi and panel train.



LIM-CEZAR

Augusto Lim and **Jesusa Cezar** will exchange "I dos" on Sept. 28 at the Shrine of Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life. Reception will follow at Sze-Chun House, Roxas Boulevard. The gowns of the bride and entourage were designed and executed by **Paul Rex Mateo** of The Wedding Day.



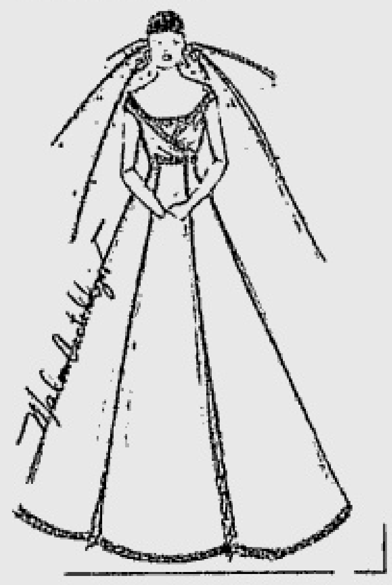
WOLTERS-EISSING

Joachim Wolters will wed **Hildegard Eissing** on Sept. 20 at the Bamboo Organ Church. Reception will follow at Westin Philippine Plaza Hotel.

The bride will wear a **Rem Divino** gown made of duchess satin in ecru and encrusted with Swarovski crystals.

CRUZ-CORTEZ

Brandon Cruz Jr. and **Esmeralda Cortez** will exchange vows on Sept. 24 in Protestant rites in San Fernando, Pampanga. Esmeralda will wear an empire-cut gown using Gina silk embellished with cut and glass beads, and Swarovski cream. The bride and her entourage will wear gowns by **Malou Castillejos.**



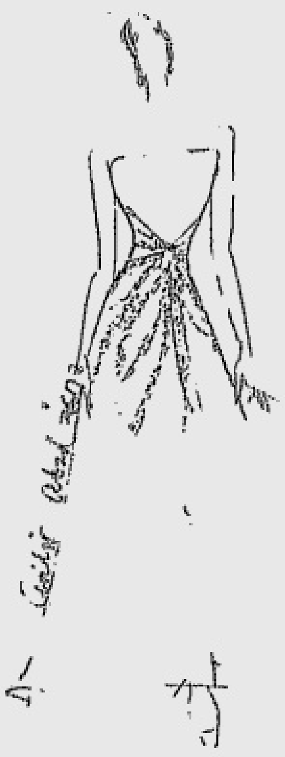
Milestones

REGALADO DEBUT

Kiara Anjelika J. Regalado, a BS Management Accounting sophomore at Ateneo de Davao University, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Oct. 3 at Serenade Ballroom, Grand Men Seng Hotel, Davao City. She is the daughter of **Llorilard** and **Mary Jane Regalado**.

Kiara will wear a haltered long gown in layered organza with multicolored shades of spring, with scattered cut beads on front and back bodice designed by **Silverio Anglacer**.

CASTILLO DEBUT



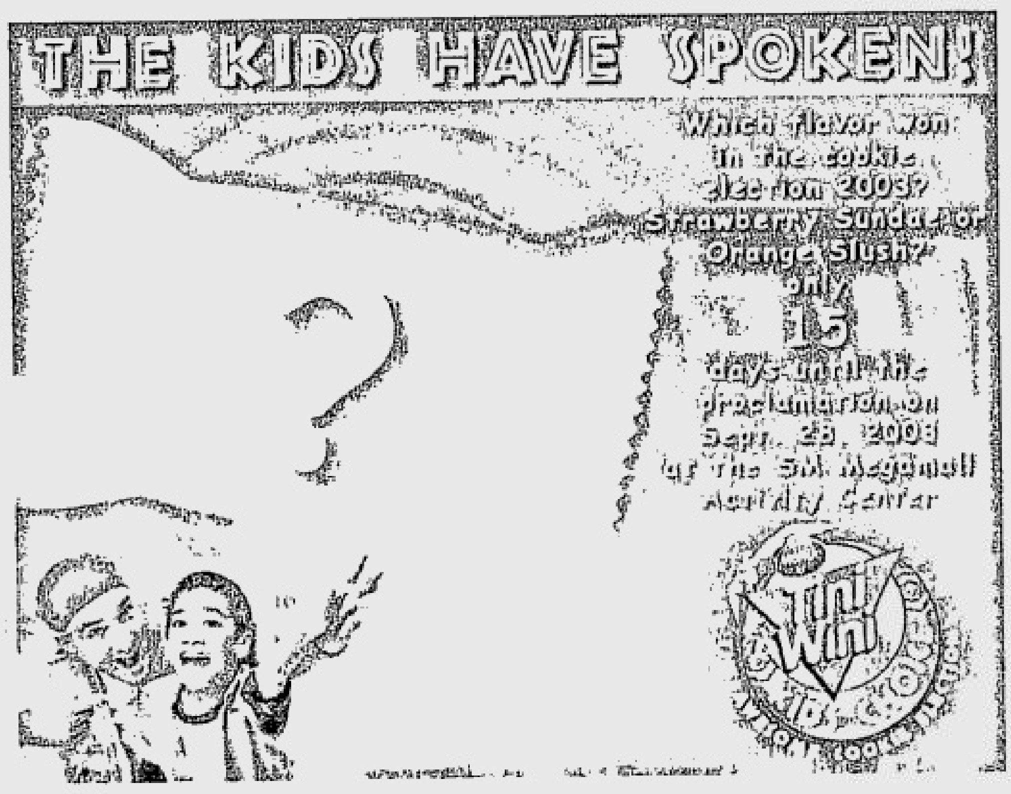
Maria Ciara G. Castillo, eldest daughter of **Randy** and **Melinda Castillo**, celebrated her 18th birthday yesterday at the New World Renaissance Grand Ballroom in Makati City. Her gown was designed and created by **Cecilio Abad**. Photos and videos by **Ariel Javelosa**.

Ciara is a freshman at De La Salle University Manila taking up AB Developmental Studies.

MALDO DEBUT

Iris Faye Maldo, daughter of **Antonino** and **Jacqueline Maldo**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Sept. 27 at Green Haven Garden in Quezon City. **Edward Teng** designed her gown.

Iris is a sophomore at the University of the Philippines.



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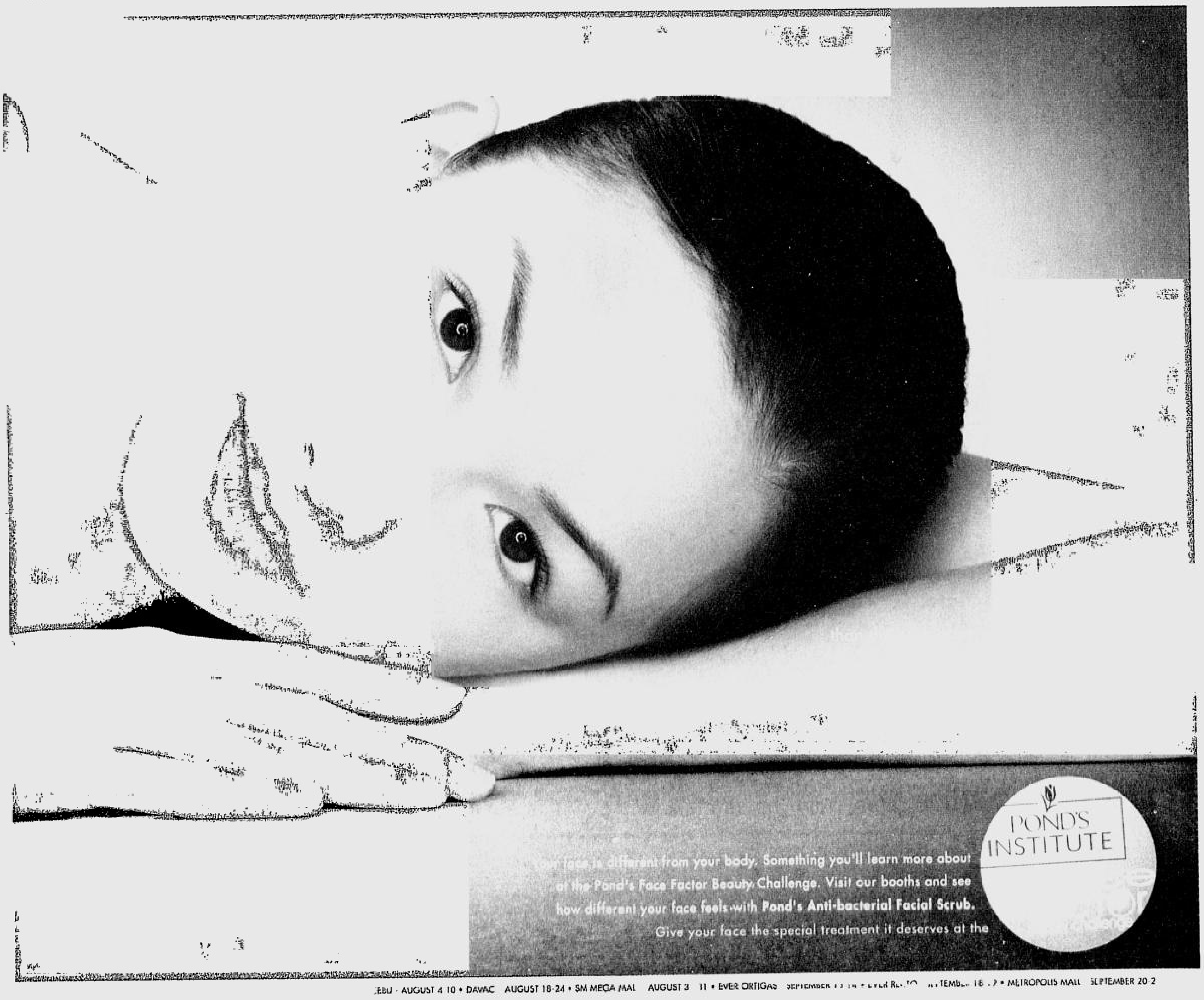

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but I stubbornly whispered into
her ear the story of the comet
and the certainty that I could
never see it again but that she
might when she was 78.
I explained that I had woken
her so that she'd be able to tell
her grandchildren in 2062 that
she had seen the comet before,
and perhaps she'd remember
her father for his quixotic
whim in carrying her out into
the night to show it to her
--Richard Dawkins -
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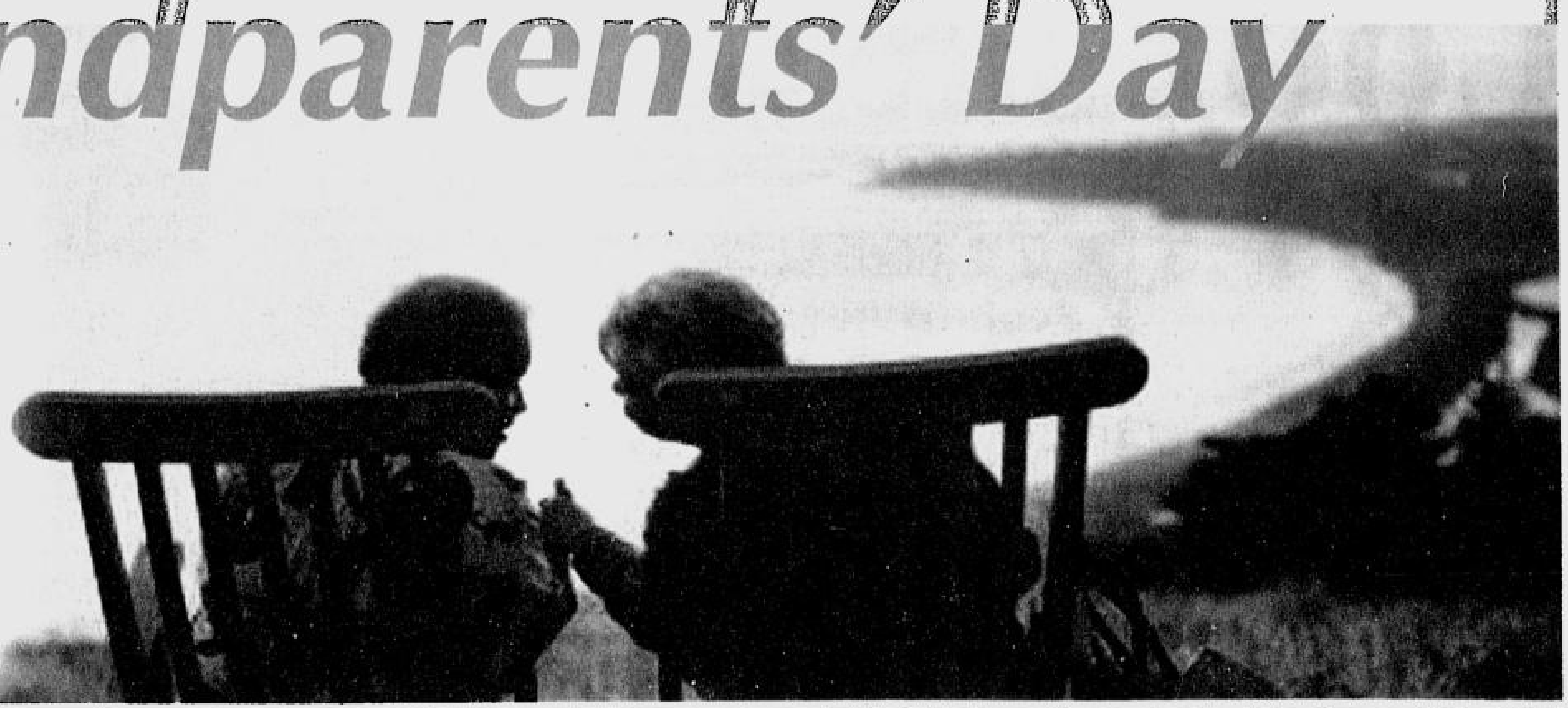

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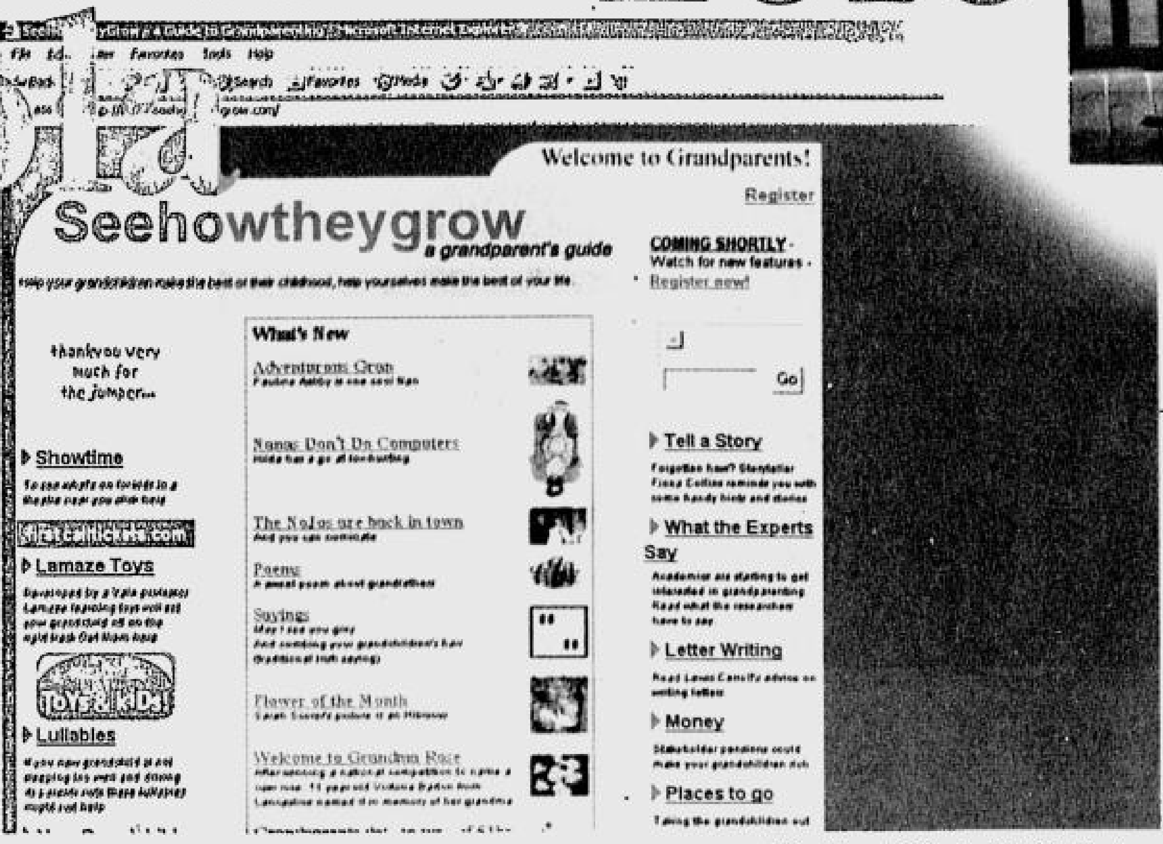

Grandparents Day at SM

CELEBRATE Grandparents Day with Lolo and Lola at SM Supermalls on Sunday, Sept. 14, with loads of fun and surprises. After all, they had been indulging us all this years, and it's time to turn the tables and treat them out on their special day at SM.

Shop for that special token at the SM Department Store and win for Lolo and Lola. Every P300 single or accumulated purchase until Sept. 14 entitles one to a raffle coupon and a chance to win one of 18 Easy Boy rocking chairs and recliners—a perfect gift for the folks. The raffle draw will be held on Sept. 20 simultaneously at all SM Department Stores.

Help make Lolo and Lola feel younger and healthier through Tai-Chi and Quicong Demonstrations by the Tai-Chi Associations of the Philippines. Tai-Chi, a Chinese way of exercise and a primary tool for self defense, helps develop internal and external strength. Demonstrations are scheduled at SM City Pampanga and SM City Bacoor on Sept. 12; SM Southmall on Sept. 13 and SM Supercenter Sucat and SM City Fairview on Sept. 14 from 1:30 to 2:30 and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Also to be demonstrated on Grandparent's Day is Qui-Cong, an exercise used by China's Royal Family and considered a cultural treasure. Let Lolo and Lola into this at SM City Manila and SM City Sta. Mesa on Sept. 12; SM City North Edsa on Sept. 13; and SM Megamall and SM City Bicutan on Sept. 14 from 1:30 to 2:30 and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Shoppers can also get a chance to greet them across the miles via PLDT's Tawag Para Kay Lolo and Lola. This, as well as the next three activities mentioned below will be held on Sept. 12 at SM City Sta. Mesa, SM City Bacoor, SM City Manila, and SM City Pampanga; Sept. 13 at SM City North-Edsa and SM Southmall; and on Sept. 14 at SM Megamall, SM City Fairview, SM Sucat and SM City Bicutan.

Meanwhile, Lolo and Lola can find out how to be at their healthiest best in the Health Check Fair with Healthway, GNC, Dermclinic and Ideal Vision providing a whole day of service to grandparents. Scheduled on Sept. 14 at all SM Supermalls, grandparents are in for a healthy and fun treat is Ideal Vision will be giving away 20 sets of eyeglasses per mall, while Dermclinic will also be offering big discounts.

Lolo and Lola can also learn the easy way to prepare healthy recipes in the Carnation Cooking Demo by Nestle Carnation. Among the exciting recipes the chefs and cooking experts have have prepared are Fish and Bell Pepper Stew, Spinach and Tofu Tortilla, Buko Lychees Mousse, Mongo with Langka and Tinapa, Corn and Ginger Chawan Mushi, and Herb Omelette. Surprise gift packs will be given to Lolo and Lola attending the event.

The fun continues at SM Cinema at Movietraxx, wherein widescreen are set up in the activity area, which will play back movies that will surely bring back a lot of memories.

Likewise, SM Foodcourt will be treating its customers to a free bone density check until Sept. 14 at SM City North-Edsa and SM Southmall, for any label of Nestle Calcium plus and any SM Foodcourt receipt.

There's even more fun ahead as Storyland, the country's most exciting indoor theme park, celebrates with Granny Moments and Grampy Days.

Lolos and Lolas are in for a grand time in Storyland's Weekends of Fun, an interactive activity for the whole family with coloring and drawing contests, games and loads of surprises on Sept. 14 at Storyland SM City Fairview.

Grandparents can likewise avail themselves of free makeovers and haircuts courtesy of David's Salon, Salon de Rose, and Headway on Sept. 20 at Storyland SM Southmall and Sept. 21 at Storyland SM City Fairview.

Capture picture perfect moments with Lolo and Lola and get a chance to win great prizes. All photos will be displayed in Storyland's Picture Perfect Gallery at Storyland SM Southmall on Sept. 27 and at Storyland SM City Fairview on Sept. 28.

A memorable celebration with Chateau 1771's Crystal Party

THE BRIGHT, joyful hues of Chateau 1771's new interiors set the mood to mark life's most significant occasions. Indeed, it was a special Sunday Aug. 17 when close friends and family gathered in Chateau's main function room to celebrate the 80th birthday of their beloved grandmother.

Elena Honrado was all smiles throughout the Crystal Lunch Party as her loved ones came in to wish her a happy birthday. When granddaughter Jo Reyes won the 1st draw of Chateau's Crystal Party Series, she knew her prize would be perfect for only one occasion. After all, what better way to celebrate her Lola's 80th birthday than to hold it in Chateau 1771. Chef Vicky Rose Pacheco, the culinary genius behind the Chateau No Borders menu, personally created a unique buffet menu to suit the taste and special requests of the lucky guests. For this exclusive Crystal Party, Chef Vicky made sure to include Chateau Classics-the Lemon Chicken and the delicious Apple Pizza dessert.

Honrado and Reyes were the first quarter winners of the Crystal Party Raffle Series where a special menu for the lucky patron and 20 guests will be concocted all for free.

The Crystal Party Raffle Series is in celebration of Chateau 1771's 15 Crystal Years of No Borders Cuisine. The next raffle draw is today, Sept. 14. To join the Crystal Raffle Promo, simply dine in at Chateau 1771 and purchase a minimum P1,500. For reservations, call 631-7341.

Chateau 1771 is located at El Pueblo ADB Avenue corner J.Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

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Caring for grandparents

AMONG the many disorders that can affect our grandparents, incontinence ranks as one of the more common, affecting elderly people above the age of 55. Incontinence is the inability to control urine flow and bowel movement, and can manifest in different types of severity.

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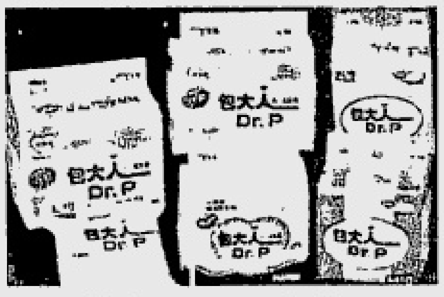

The Toughness of a Mother, the Poignancy of a Widow

It usually takes two parents to maintain a healthy, happy, and financially stable family. In the case of Thelma T. Dumale, a 2003 Bagong Bayani Awardee (BBA), she is the sole parent of three successful children who are a couple hundred miles away in the Philippines. With fifteen trying years as a domestic helper (DH) in Hong Kong, hers is an inspiring story of victory over suffering and exertion, and most especially pain. This is the story of a winner of the prestigious Gabriela Silang Awards 2001 and included in the 10 most outstanding Filipinos in Hong Kong in 2000.

The Harsh Early Years

Fourteen years ago, Thelma was a young mother who was faced with the unhappy challenge of being the sole breadwinner for the family. Her husband, stricken with lung cancer, implored her to accept a job as a DH in Hong Kong. "I did not want to leave," she said, "my husband had lung cancer and it was obvious he was going soon." Despite her apprehension, she bravely accepted her destiny and took the short yet difficult journey to Hong Kong.

Culture chock, a dying husband and a family left all alone placed Thelma under severe emotional stress for a long while. Nine months after she left, her husband passed on and her children were left with her sisters. Her eldest daughter Ruth explains the tragedy in greater detail. "we all thought my father would live a little longer. He was in PGH and his cancer was in remission. He just died unexpectedly." Without goodbyes and with a heavy heart, Thelma plowed on with the thought of her children's health, education and love in mind. For almost fifteen years she succeeded in tragedy with the courage of a lioness.

Gifts of Her Labor

Thelma left her three children when the youngest was only seven years of age. Ruth, Rosalinde, and Rodino have all graduated from college and now have landed jobs in a market that hasn't been the easiest to penetrate. "That was the positive benefit of leaving the country," she says with a reflective timbre. "I was able to fully support a whole family with my hard work and dedication." "They are my pride and joy," she acclaims. "they are my most evident achievement. If I didn't leave and stay in Hong Kong I would never have been able to send them all to college."

Maintaining the Lines, Strengthening the Bond

It is even more touching to hear about this when she talks about her relationship with her children. "I feel like a mother for sure," she says. "but our relationship goes much deeper. I feel like they are my best friends." For a grieving widow away in a distant country it is quite an achievement to be able to nurture and maintain this kind of closeness. When asked how she does this she simply says, "I use the phone. I call them as often as I can. My daughter is trying to teach me to text. she says it's very easy. I don't think it's easy but I'll try," she says with both modesty and candor. Her demeanor suddenly changes however when asked about the feeling she gets when she receives the unanticipated phone call from one of her children. "It makes me so happy," she beams with pride, "I am so overjoyed when they call, especially if it's to give me some unexpected good news or just to surprise me with any kind of 'kwento'"

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The Future

The future looks bright for the blooming Thelma, she has her children's life to look forward to and probably retirement that includes enjoying the richness of her bounty and the charitable gratification she gains from helping others. This woman embodies the soul of our splintered nation; she is a worthy award winner of any sort.

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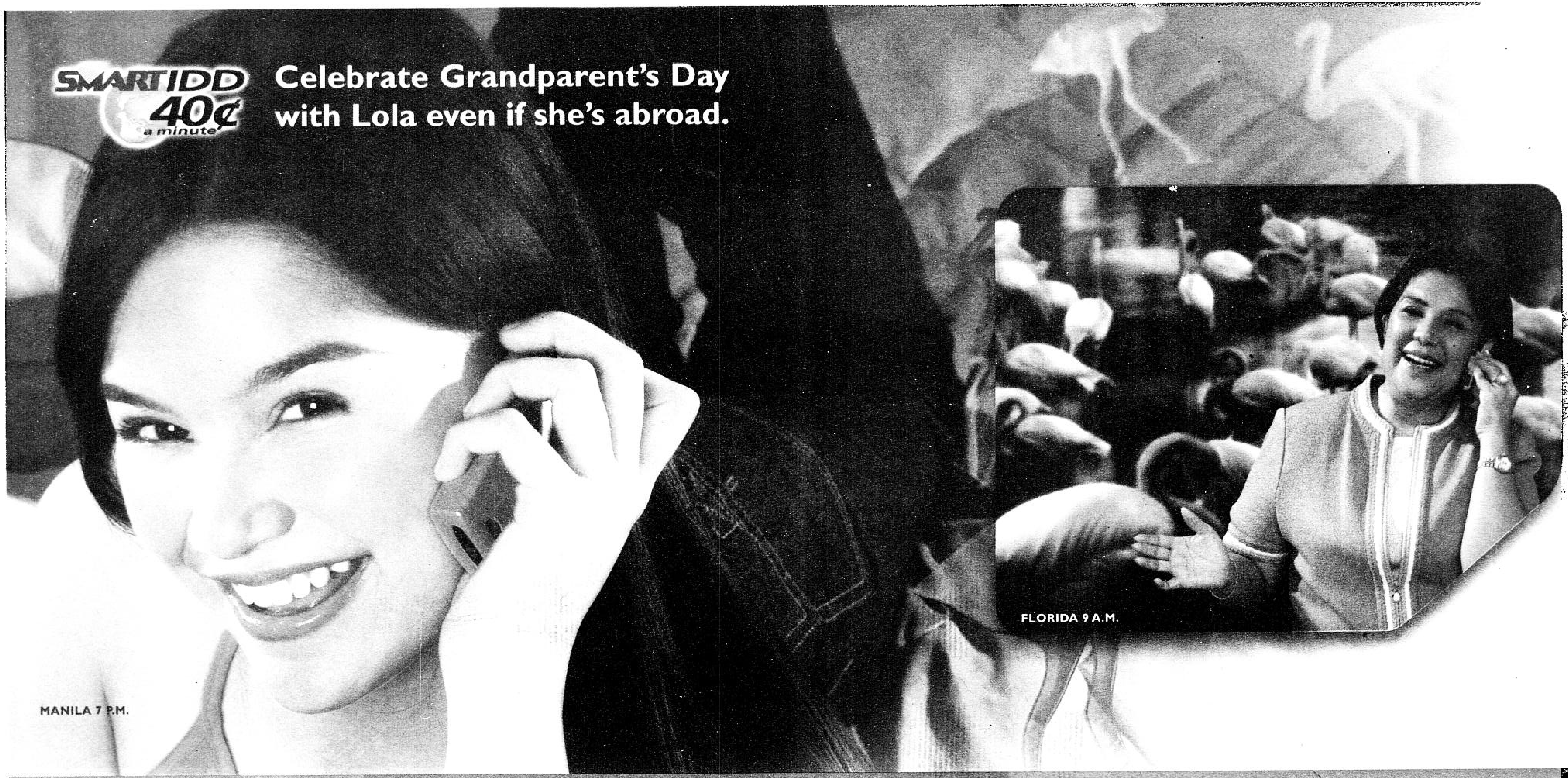
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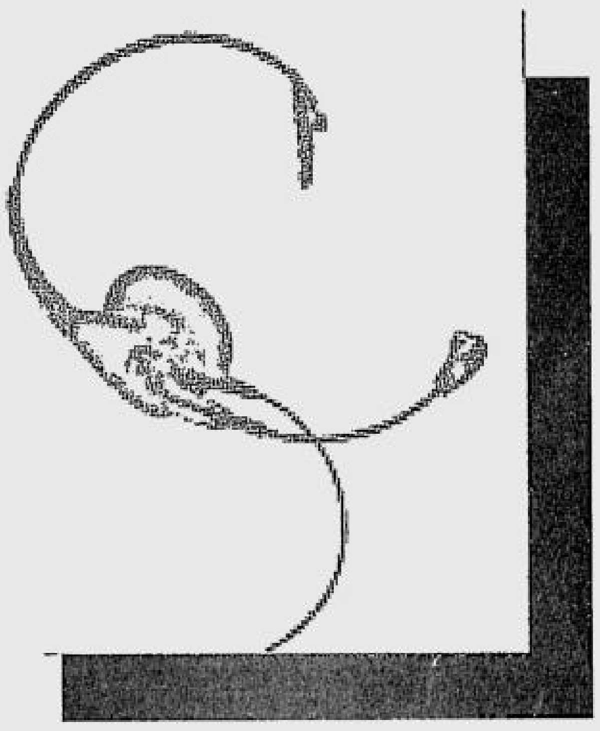

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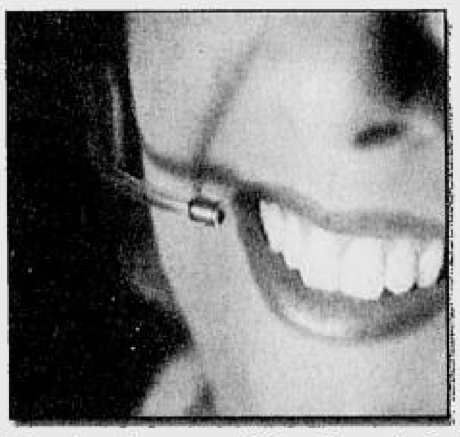

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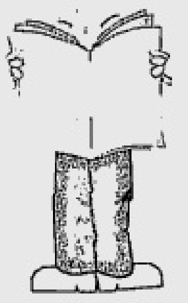

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- Customer focused and performance driven
- Good communication skills , can relate to people from different cultural background
- A good team player who is self-reliant with good aptitude for support work
- Strong self-motivation and results-orientation

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Qualifications:

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4. Develop a comprehensive Project Document (ProDoc), according to UNDP guidelines and in consultation with UNDP Manila and the concerned government agencies, which would address the weakness of the existing situation and seek to remedy it and which would include activities to:
   a. Develop a comprehensive Framework which would guide multi-sectoral initiatives for responding to, preventing and mitigating disasters
   b. Document common best practice for undertaking community-based preparedness
   c. Assist in the development of national and local policies consistent with the framework, among other activities.

Qualifications:
Education

1 Must have a Masteral Degree or equivalent Professional qualification in environmental sciences, earth sciences, civil engineering, urban or regional planning and other discipline related to natural hazards and risks
2. Must have an advanced degree in fields related to environmental security, natural hazards and risk assessment is highly desirable

Work Experience

1. Must have at least five (5) years experience in disaster and environmental risk management
2. Preferably with knowledge on the use of GIS for analysis of environmental hazards, vulnerability and risk and emergency planning hazard modelling and risk assessment
3. Demonstrated experience in the field of Environmental management, policy or with institutions involved in disaster, environmental hazards or risk management.
4. Has experience working in Academic Institutions and/or practiced in the area of sustainable development
5. Has experience working with a related government agency
6. Has experience in evaluating and strengthening institutional capacities

Essential Skills

1 Written and oral communication skills including the capacity to relate to both the internal and external constituencies of the project
2. Strong analysis and evaluation skills
3. Working knowledge of environment/sustainable development issues within the Philippines and globally
4. Knowledge of environmental institutions and institutional capability building
5. Capacity to link micro field based project work with broader macro public policy issues
6. Experience in word-processing, preferably Word for Windows
7. Understanding of community, regional and global sustainable development issues and their inter-relationships
8. Human resource management skills
9. Gender awareness and analytical skills

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3. Patience and tolerance for other perspectives
4. Capacity to work under pressure
5. Capacity and willingness to travel for long periods
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All application letters and comprehensive resumes should reach our office on or before 26 September 2003. Address applications to the Development Support Services Center, United Nations Development Programme, 7th Floor, NEDA sa Makati Building, 106 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City (via courier) or P.O. Box 7285 Domestic Airport Post Office Lock Box 1300 Domestic Road, Pasay City (via airmail), tel. nos. 892-0611 to 25 loc. 275 / 237.

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☑ BS Computer Engineering graduate
☑ Male, not over 24 years old, preferably single
☑ Experience in networking & troubleshooting required
☑ With above average communication skills
☑ Proficient in computer

ASSISTANT AUDITORS (HOF)

☑ BS Accountancy graduate
☑ Male, not over 24 years old, preferably single
☑ Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
☑ Computer literate (MS Applications)

MARKETING ASSISTANTS (BAT, CEB)

☑ College graduate, preferably business course
☑ With at least 3 years experience in the same position
☑ Marketing oriented
☑ Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
☑ Computer literate (MS Applications)

CASHIERS (OGP, GSAN)

☑ BS Accountancy graduate
☑ Female, not over 24 years old, preferably single
☑ Good communication skills and interpersonal skills
☑ Computer literate (MS Applications)

PROCESSORS (HOF, LAG)

☑ College graduate, preferably business course
☑ Not over 24 years old, preferably single
☑ Good communication skills
☑ Computer literate (MS Applications)

Interested applicants must bring their letter of application, Resumé, Transcript of Records and most recent 2x2 picture to:

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✓ Preferably Chinese speaking

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✓ Retirees from other banks with suitable experience
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✓ With good oral & written comm. skills
✓ Pleasing personality

Account Officer

✓ Between 25 – 35 years old
✓ Graduate of any Business related course
✓ With at least 2 yrs. experience as Account Officer for Consumer Loans
✓ Excellent oral & written comm. skills
✓ Pleasing Personality

Store Card Customer Care Assistant

✓ Between 20 - 25 years old
✓ Graduate of any Business related course
✓ With excellent oral & written communication skills
✓ Experience in call center is an advantage

Legal Officer

✓ Between 25 - 30 years old
✓ Graduate of Bachelor of Law
✓ With at least 1 year experience in documentation and litigation
✓ Exposure in banking is an advantage but not required
✓ With good oral & written comm. skills

Trust Head

✓ Between 30 – 40 years old
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(For Metro Manila)
✓ Between 25 – 30 years old
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Customer Sales Asst./Teller

✓ Between 20 – 25 years old
✓ Graduate of any Business related course
✓ Experience in tellering / new accounts is an advantage
✓ Computer literate
✓ With good oral & written comm. skills
✓ Pleasing personality

Systems & Methods Asst.

✓ Between 21 - 23 years old
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✓ Male, between 20 - 30 years old
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✓ Willing to be assigned in night shift

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✓ Between 20 - 30 years old
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URGENT REQUIREMENTS

TECHNICAL DIVISION ADVISORS (FIVE-5)

Under the overall guidance of the Deputy Project Manager of the Central Project Implementation Support Unit (CPISU) and the direct supervision of the Division Project Manager, the incumbent shall be responsible in guiding the division for the implementation of TEEP programs, concept and strategy aimed at delivery of in-service training to teachers on school-base management, distance education and student assessment in TEEP provinces on an output and time-based engagement.

General Qualifications:

- With experience in project management in educational development with minimum background on civil works preferred
- With background on community development projects and experience working with LGUs, NGOs, and/or other agencies
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Willing to accept provincial assignment

THREE (3) PROCUREMENT SPECIALISTS

Primarily responsible for the review of all perfected contracts and determine lapses in the bidding and contracting process, the severity of the lapses and propose changes in the process if there are any.

General Qualifications : Lawyers /
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Contract duration : at least six (6) months;
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Mt. Province, Benguet OR
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Competitive compensation scheme shall be given to successful candidates.

Qualified applicants are requested to submitted/send their latest curriculum vitaé with 2 x 2 colored photo to **THE HR MANAGER, 2/F Casmar Bldg. No. 195 Salcedo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City.**

IIRR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

The International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) is a global intermediary development organization working in several countries with the poor and their communities as our partner, enabling them to improve their lives and achieve their full potential. At present, IIRR is seeking to fill the following posts for its program efforts in the Asia region:

Publications Development Officer

The Publications Development Officer will contribute to the work of IIRR in the documentation, packaging and dissemination of good practices through web-based and hard copy publications. This will involve preparation of project proposals, generating relevant resources for production of publications using IIRR's participatory writeshop process and providing technical assistance related to production of reports, brochures, newsletters, and other documents. Candidates should have the following: university degree in multi-media or related field i.e. publishing, production or communication; at least five years relevant experience, preferably in non-profit work environment; demonstrated ability to organize work effectively and work well as part of a team; excellent communication skills; and creative & resourceful.

Health and Nutrition Specialist

The Health and Nutrition Specialist provides leadership in the development and implementation of health and nutrition projects as part of the IIRR's program activities in Asia. The post contributes to the community-based and action learning activities, education & training activities and the publication & communication materials on health and nutrition. The post reports to the Director, Regional Center for Asia. Candidates should have the following: masters degree in public health, nutrition, nursing, or a degree in medicine; at least four years of relevant experience in health and nutrition program planning, monitoring and evaluation within a rural development framework; excellent communication skills; strong analytical skills; demonstrated conceptual and operational skills suited to rural development programs and projects; experience-based knowledge of action research methodologies; familiarity with methods, tools and techniques in participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation; team player and ability to interact with people at different levels; and an ability to work effectively in a multidisciplinary and multicultural work environment, preferably with experience living/working outside of his/her own culture or country.

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Communication Specialist

Reporting to the Head, Publication and Communication Program, the post will contribute to the expanding work of IIRR in the documentation and communication of development learning, and in the production of Information, Education and Communication materials for field development programs. The role will involve documenting experiences from the learning community program as inputs to developing communication strategies and Information, Education and Communication materials (including videos, posters, booklets, pamphlets, brochures, etc.) in support of IIRR's field programs in Asia. The successful candidate should have the following: a degree, preferably master's degree, in Development Communication, Sociology, Rural Development, or any related fields; at least 3 years of comparable work experience in development communication with international development agencies, NGOs or with rural communities; ability to work productively in teams; effective writing and communication skills; and with professional research experience, preferably in action research.

These posts are based in Silang, Cavite. Closing date is September 20, 2003. Qualified applicants should send a letter of interest together with curriculum vitae; contact information; three letters of references with addresses and contact numbers; a recent passport-size photograph; and transcript of records to:

The Human Resources Office
International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)
Km. 39, Aguinaldo Highway, Silang, 4118, Cavite
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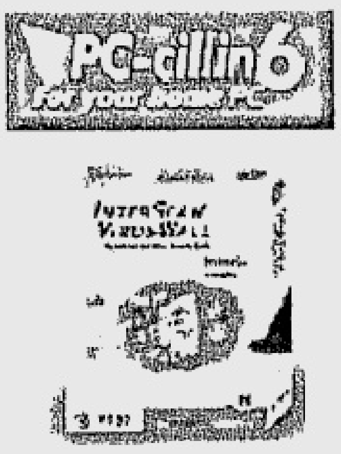

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- Computer literate, Female, single, early 20's

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- With experience in sandwich making

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- Hardworking, honest, dependable and with good moral character
- With valid professional driver's license

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- has work experience in retail, marketing or sales
- not more than 24 years old
- has good oral and written communication skills
- has good leadership skills

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- Master's degree in Communication, Information Technology or related field; 8 years of relevant work experience, 3 years of which in managerial capacity.

Head, Accounting Unit
- CPA, preferably with Master's degree in Business Administration; 8 years of relevant work experience, 3 years of which in managerial capacity.

Head, Facilities Management Unit
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BETWEEN now and 2008, the majority of the world's labor growth will be workers aged 45 years and older. While age 55 has traditionally been viewed as the point at which careers begin winding down toward retirement, today's mature workers are setting new standards for their employment, and completely redefining retirement.

According to the results of DBM's most recent global study, "Career Choices and Challenges of Younger and Older Workers," today's older workers are defying tradition by electing to "rewire" - vs. "retire" - as they gear up for the next stage of their careers.

DBM is a worldwide provider of strategic human resource solutions that help organizations align their workforces to meet changing business needs. In existence for over 30 years, DBM provides services in employee selection, development, retention, and transition.

DBM offers the following career tips for older workers:

1. **Be patient.**

The DBM study shows that workers over 50 take nearly twice as long to secure new employment, as do their younger counterparts under the age of 30. Realize that with the advancement of age usually comes a change in priorities and preferences, which can make career decisions more complex and time consuming. Many mature workers have already achieved several career successes and are financially stable, and prefer now to do something different, such as part-time, not-for-profit or community service work. Accept that your search and decision process may take longer, and use the time to your advantage to thoroughly explore all possibilities.

2. **Get creative.**

The DBM study shows that only 31 percent of mature workers opted for full-time work in landing their new positions. Rather, more preferred to pursue more flexible positions (i.e. consulting, mentoring, coaching and self-employment) that would better accommodate their changing lifestyles. Take confidence in your wealth of expertise and wide skills bank, and be open to different opportunities.

3. **Consider changing job function or industry.**

The DBM study shows that one-in-two study participants, regardless of age, changed industry or job function successfully when securing their new positions. Identify your transferable skills and learn how to package them to appeal to an employer in a different industry. Don't limit yourself - people of all ages manage to transfer their skills successfully.

4. **Hone your networking skills.**

The DBM study shows that more than half (51 percent) of mature workers, as well as 36 percent of Generation Xers, cited networking as their source for finding a new job. By comparison, only 3 percent, on average, of all workers surveyed landed new positions via the Internet. Despite today's emphasis on technology and the Web, face-to-face meetings will still carry you further, particularly later in life.

5. **Keep salary expectations in check.**

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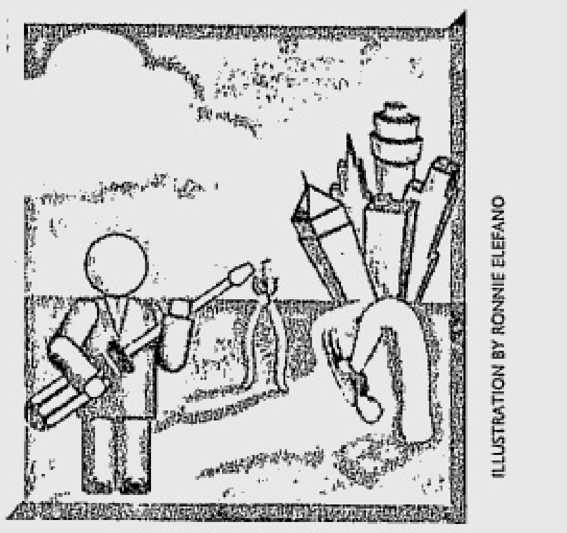

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This is in part based on the career choices made, as well as on the impact of market forces. Maximize your salary opportunities as early as possible in your career.

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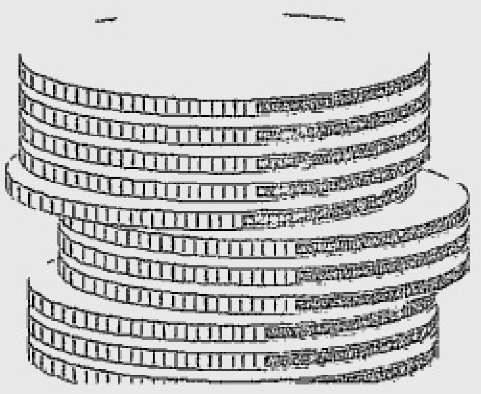
Stretch your peso without losing your sanity



By Karen Anne C. Liquete

Let's face it. Stretching that salary can be as painful as getting your teeth impacted. Pinch too much and you mind end up losing your sanity.

Here are some creative ways to help make your hard-earned money go the distance without sacrificing your mental health.

1. Search your closet for fresh wardrobe options. Mix and match new tops with skirts. Trade or borrow clothes with your siblings. Salvage buttons and zippers from worn out garments and use for emergency repairs. Pay your neighborhood dressmaker around 100 pesos to alter those loose pair of pants. Don't forget to top your look with bright accessories like beads and gems you can buy at bargain prices in *tiangges*.

2. Get your daily dose of water from the office water dispenser. It's a cool way to keep your body hydrated at zero cost.

3. Get in shape without losing a fortune. Rent fitness videos instead of paying for gym memberships. Take advantage of every opportunity to get active. Climb the stairs. Walk around the block. Cut down on those calorie-laden burgers and settle for simple salads instead.

4. Share condo space with a friend. This way, you can split the rent equally and save money.

5. Call up friends and form a car pool.

6. Borrow management books from officemates taking the same MBA program as you do. Or visit your old school library and get that alumni library card working for you.

7. When out on a "gimmick" with officemates, order one entree and ask for forks to go with it. Sharing a pricey meal with friends saves your money and extra calories.

8. Explore new ways of getting to work: learn how to ride a jeep, bus or the MRT.

9. Save those extra packets of sugar, cream and coffee left over from your breakfast meal. Treat yourself to the free coffee later in the day.

10. BYOB-Bring your own *baon* to work.

11. Start a *paluwagan* with officemates.

12. Empty your pockets of loose change at the end of the day and put it all on a piggybank.

13. Collect product samples from magazines. e.g. facial wash, foundation, perfume.

14. Include regular office consumables like coffee sachets, tea, noodles or cola on your next grocery list. You can save a lot of money stocking up on these goods instead of buying them from a vendo machine or a convenience store.

15. Shopping is not a pastime. Those little trips to the mall encourage unplanned spending. Learn something new instead. Get into a hobby like cross-stitching, baking or dress design. Who knows? Your hobby today might turn into a moneymaking venture.

16. Plan your calls. Use the company landline to talk to clients and suppliers. Avoid using your personal credit to communicate with them. Remember, those text messages cannot be reimbursed.

17. Get your haircut from a neighborhood beautician instead of a city salon. Commercial parlors in Makati and Ortigas charge more to cover overhead.

18. Christmas is fast approaching. Pool resources with officemates and give group gifts rather than individualized ones.

19. Withdraw only from your bank's ATM machine. Avoid that extra withdrawal charge when you use other banks' ATM machine.

20. Swap CD's, VCD's, DVD's with officemates instead of buying new ones.

21. Sign up with a free web-based email service using your company's Internet connection. A word of caution here: use this facility outside of company time.

22. Earn from your "sidelines." If you love baking, sell your cookies to a coworker who buys *pasalubong* for her kids after work. Or, offer your drawing expertise to a coworker in need of a design for her calling card.

23. Go to a shoe repair shop for those worn-out heels and soles.

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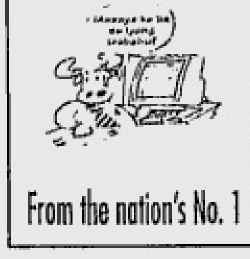

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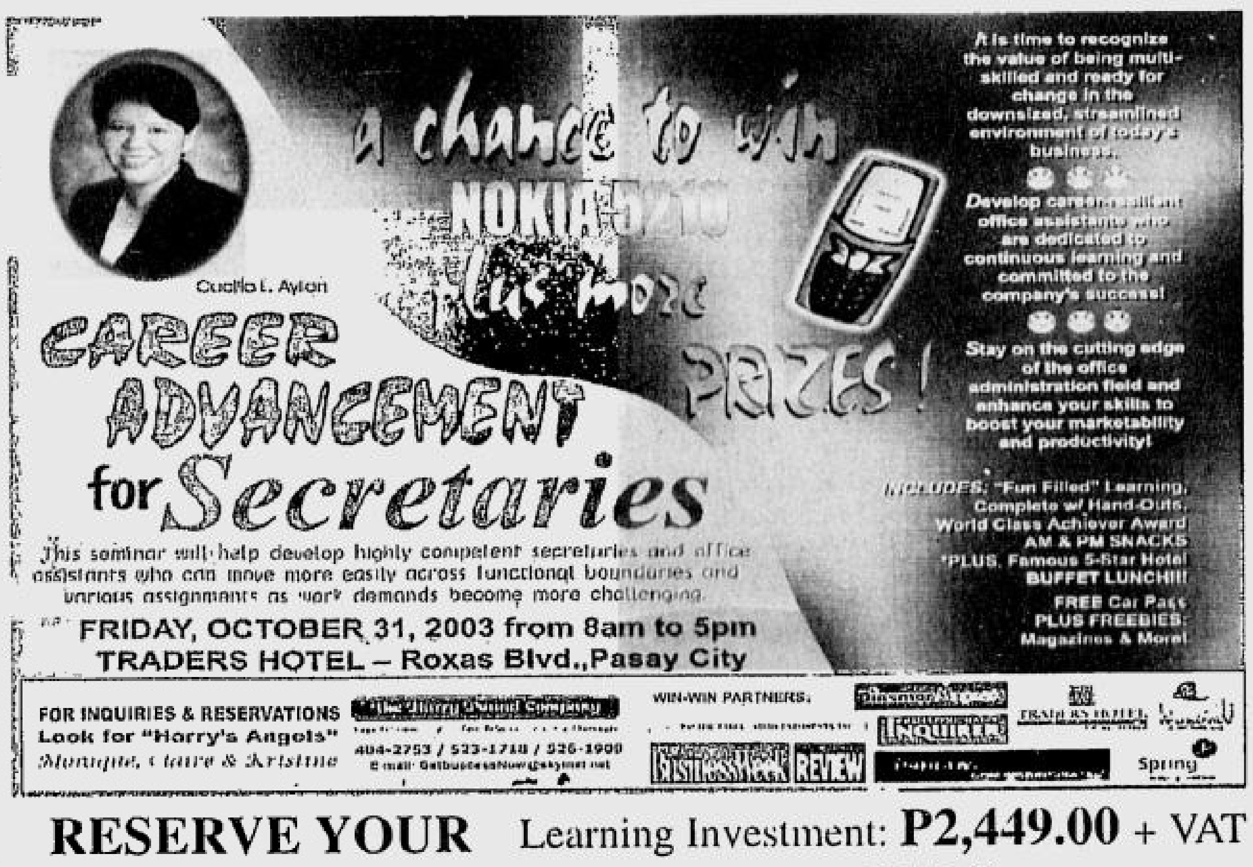

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A team building guide for team leaders

By F. John Reh

DO you supervise people? Or lead an ad hoc project team? If you do, then you have to learn how to build a team if you want to be able to accomplish your group goals. However, team building won't work unless people see its benefit.

Environment

It is not enough to get your group together off site and have a few icebreaker games. If you want team building to work, you have to show the members of the team that it benefits them personally.

There is very little "team" in teamwork without a lot of motivation. We live in a society that seems fascinated with individual accomplishment and almost oblivious to teams. Even in team settings like sports, we single out the All-Stars and the MVP (Most Valuable Player) of each game. That is the environment you have to overcome in order to build your group at work into a team.

Getting Started

Do you think of your group as a team? They won't think of themselves as a team if you don't. Do you reward team performance, or only individual achievements? You won't have much success in team building if you don't reward team performance. Let your group know that they are a team, that you expect them to perform as a team, and that you will reward their successes as a team. That's the first step toward team building.

Remember that team building must be an everyday activity. It is not something you can just do quarterly at some off-site function.

Motivation

If you want team building to work, it's not enough to tell them that they are a team and must perform as one. You also have to show the members of the team that it benefits them personally.

Most of us are selfish individualists. We watch out, first and foremost, for ourselves and do what benefits us most. We have to be motivated to include anyone else. Fortunately, it is pretty easy for us to see the benefits of including others, so most of us do that readily. Love is a strong motivator. Parents, for instance, watch out for their children. Money is another strong motivator. It is one you can use as a leader. However, the strongest motivator available to a manager (since it is unlikely your employees will fall in love with you) is self-esteem. The more the individual sees a benefit to his or her self esteem from supporting the team, the more successful your team building efforts will be.

Steps

First of all, your people have to acknowledge that they are part of a team. You can reinforce this by holding team meetings, posting team news on the bulletin board or your intranet page, and tracking team performance against team goals.

Secondly, they have to believe that the team is capable of producing more than the sum of its members. Lance Armstrong is a great bicycle racer, but he could not have won the Tour de France without the support and assistance of his team members. You may have a great customer service rep on your team, but without the cooperation of the other members of the team he or she would not be able to handle as many calls. You have to make this readily apparent to them and clearly delineate the increased rewards they can achieve through teamwork.

Reinforcement

One company I know had a great customer support team. Their director challenged the team with higher and higher goals. He celebrated their successes in meeting and exceeding those team goals. He also celebrated them as individuals. The team decorated the cubicle of everyone who was having a birthday. The did community service projects together. They had fun at work. And they enjoyed beating the goals Clint set for their team. They got a significant boost in self-esteem from belonging to a winning team.

Team identity

Making t-shirts and other items with a team logo or motto can help reinforce the sense of team identity, but it's not required. You should know your team well enough to know whether or not something like that would be positive reinforcement for them.

Don't make the mistake of one Accounting Manager I knew. The motto he picked for his team and had printed on ball caps he gave them didn't fly. He hadn't involved the team in selecting either the motto or the object on which it was printed.

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INQUIRER'S HR group is a tight-knit team

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The politics of lunching ..

From page K16

first lunch break in the company: "Who am I gonna have lunch with?"

I tend to offer, "Well, you can have me if you won't mind." (Translation: "Don't worry, I'm not gonna bite you.") But the catch is, that person has to be somewhat near the vicinity of my position in the hierarchy, neither too high nor too low, or we won't have something comfortable to talk about and end up choking ourselves to deathly silence. (Is this the reason they invented executive lounges?)

Regrouping

The constant turn of events in this aspect of organizational behavior is surprising and amusing, considering the existing "chain of command" and personal alliances that cut across that chain.

Here's what I've observed through the years. Sometimes, an inseparable group of three becomes two, islands of lunch mates become entire archipelagoes or vice-versa. When I happen to notice the slightest alteration in the corporate homeostasis, I just shut up. I somehow know that someone has had a recent altercation with somebody in the clique. Someone wants to "devour" someone.

Entertaining to watch, too, is how certain groups change constituencies once somebody among them gets promoted. On the other hand, I have yet to see someone who's too gregarious, as though aspiring to be a diplomat, and switches cliques all too often.

Hidden agenda

But through a more cynical prism, friendships in the workplace can also be seen as a pathetic state of transaction · in Pinoyspeak, "*gamitan*," the theme of a recently made local movie. People stick to you because they are of use to you and vice-versa. People befriend others because of selfish agenda. There is a kind of "selfish selflessness."

Overall organizational behavior is affected by this particularly appalling dynamic. The previously balanced state of affairs suddenly tips after a friendship turns sour, after somebody wakes up and realizes that it's all about transactions and nothing more. Human instinct may be fooled some of the time, but not all of the time.

Power play

In essence, eating together is not a simple matter of two or more people chewing their cud in synchrony. A meal together may signify genuine fellowship, a certain degree of communion. If there's no reason to commune or celebrate one's being with one's fellow, then one might as well eat all alone. "Doing lunch" is about group dynamics and seeing power plays at lunchtime.

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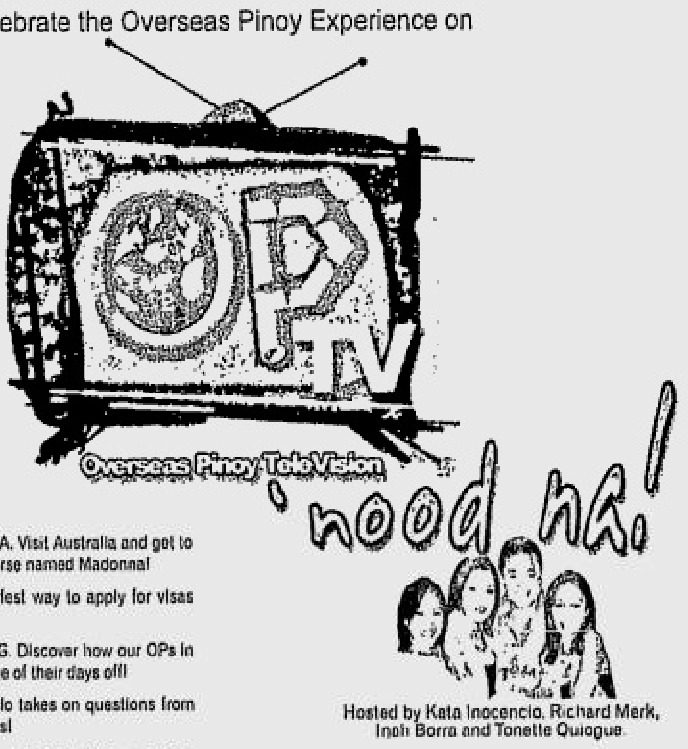

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The politics of 'lunching' in the office

By Resty S. Odon

POSTCARDS from the CORPORATE EDGE

DO you know that the answer to the question "Who shall I 'do lunch' with?" unofficially determines your personality and position in the pecking order in the workplace? Every day at work, you probably lunch with the same people. Chances are, they were your colleagues during your rank-and-file days. You might have moved up the ladder roughly at the same pace and it's only logical that after several years of postprandial ruminations, you're still at it—chewing your cud together. Or you do lunch with those you run the least conflict with. They may not the best of your friends, but at least, they are not your bitter enemies either.

Observe your coworkers. They are probably part of little cliques here and there within the concentric circle that is your office at lunchtime. The number of cliques and their respective membership varies, depending on the big and small oscillations of friendship and loyalty, and the commonality of interest and power. Cliques within a clique are groupings that are in constant flux, like a whirlpool that results from the clashing of the tides.

Breaking bread

Communal eating is thought to be a sociological construct hinged on the assumption that you only break bread with those who won't devour you. It is therefore reasonable to think that people at work break bread only with colleagues they have the smoothest relationship with at the moment. If the membership of the clique varies, it may be due to a little crinkle in an otherwise harmonious association.

I've been both a participant and a detached witness to these subtle but constant changes. One of the calamities I've been through in this regard is the time I found myself eating all by my lonesome because I felt like everyone wanted to devour me, everyone wanted to tear a piece of me. With this perception, I loathed dining with anyone else. I eventually became a self-absorbed do-my-own-thing kind of fellow, as I chew my own meat, a sad island floating in the middle of a sea of circles.

Outside of the circle

After some time, though, I got tired of it and realized that, indeed, no man can afford to be an island. I had to eventually move my lunchbox back from my cubicle to the canteen.

But that experience made me particularly sensitive to any new hire who gets shocked by the imminent question come his

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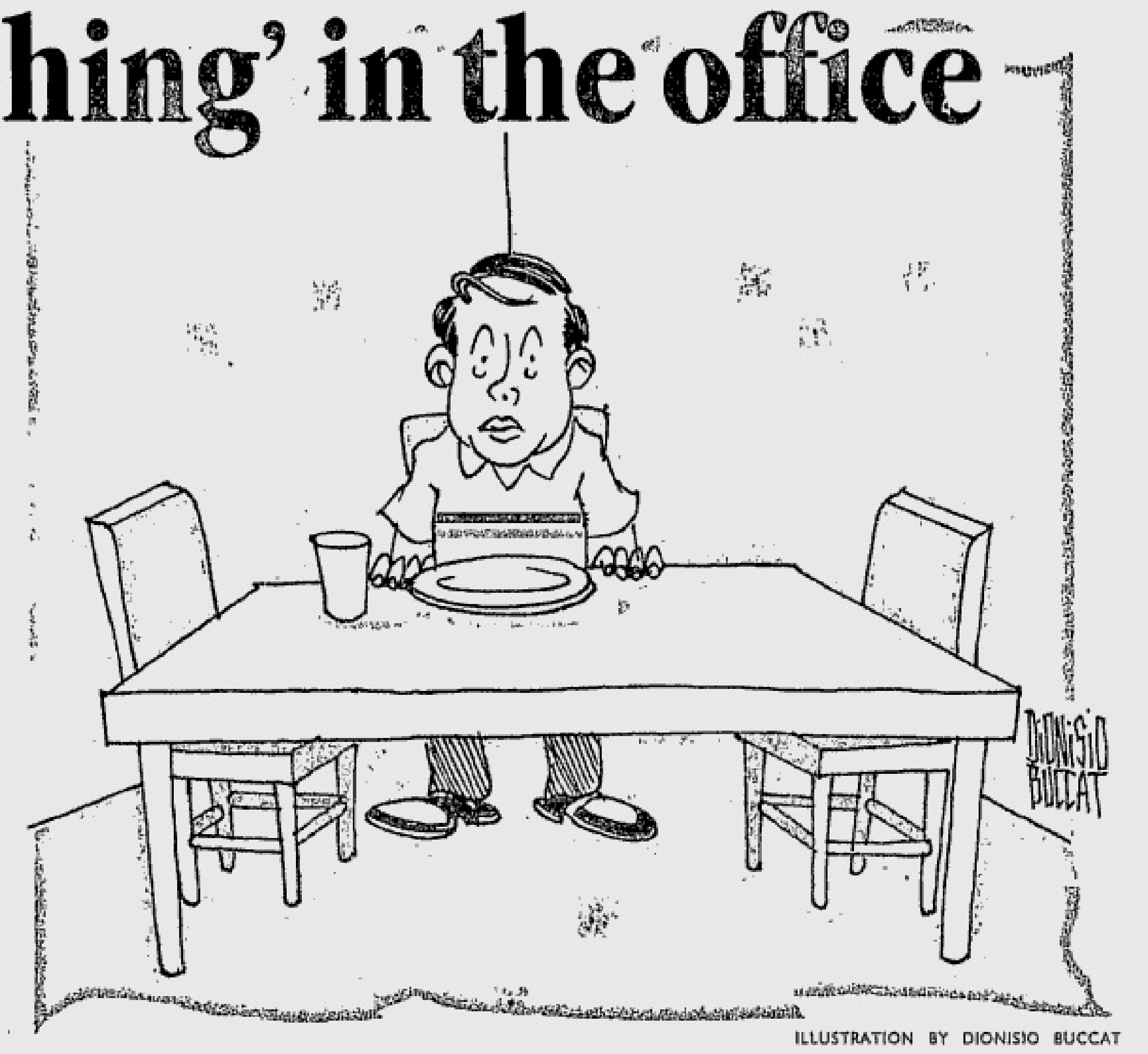

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'I want to work normal working hours'

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By Tita Datu Puangco

I AM 30 years old. I resigned from a very stressful job four months ago. Prior to that, I worked with a call center company. My previous experiences are in the line of customer servicing. My dilemma now is: I want to find another job but most of the vacancies are in call centers. I have nothing against working in that industry. It is just that I want to work within normal working hours in a different scope of work.

I am torn between being a job I can easily land but won't be happy in and a dream job that's difficult to get. I want to apply for other job positions but unfortunately, my career record is not outstanding. I got stuck in jobs that did not give me the opportunity to develop my skills.

I also noticed that most positions have age requirements. I feel that my age is one of my obstacles in job hunting. I hope you can give me enlightenment on my problem before I end up really depressed. It has somehow affected my self-esteem as well.

Hopeless Job Seeker

Advice FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

I can empathize with your desire to find the job of your dreams. You are right, your opportunities expand or get limited depending on what core competencies you hold. Since we are in the information age, it is critical for people to continuously skill up through learning and training. But don't be disheartened, age will not matter when you are determined to pursue your goals.

Skills list

As you mentioned, you have been in customer servicing and I am sure you have acquired knowledge and skills as a customer service representative. Take a sheet of paper and make a list of these skills. Then ask yourself, what other occupations would have need for similar skills? For example, if you are good in oral communication, would you have the possibility of doing training in customer relations? Or why not try your hand in public relations?

Let us face it, career levels in call centers are limited. Sometimes the best that one can strive for is to become team leader. However, one other alternative is to look for a call center that is a service to the main business rather than an autonomous business. If the call center is a support function to another business, then after a year or so, you can request for transfer to other jobs that can best use your talents. A forward looking call center I know recently asked us to do a career planning workshop for its people, encouraging them to be co-responsible for mapping out their careers even beyond the company. Let me give you a career coach to work with you on different possibilities. This is public service for Ancilla, our training and consulting company. Give us a call to confirm your interest.

Dealing with stress

The other dimension you mentioned is work stress. I think in today's frenetic world, stress is a given. Recently, I came across an interesting book that held the view that "stress of all kinds—physical, mental and emotional—is good for you." It differentiated "stress exposure" from "stress response." Stress exposure is a powerful stimulant for growth, because people grow most in areas where they are pushed most. Stress response, on the other hand, is the emotional response to events that may negatively impact a person.

James Loeher recommends toughness, not as brute force but as relaxed highly focused energy known as the ideal performance state. This enables people to deepen their capacity to tolerate stress of all kinds and increase their ability to respond to stress to bring them to full performance potential.

He recommends developing performer and life skills that can result in maximum productivity, health and happiness. In the area of performer skills, he proposes developing rituals, acting and preparation so that one can move to peak performance state on demand. Then, he likewise suggests building life skills such as seeking stress, training in recovery, making waves and managing energy.

The foundation of his process is balance. He believes that going from one level of performance means going to the next level of health and happiness as well. Real lasting solutions to managing stress response are systemic. One has to recognize the dynamic interdependence of mind, body and spirit. Shift your paradigm around stress, then, it will work for you rather than against you. May you soon find the job of your dreams!

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REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

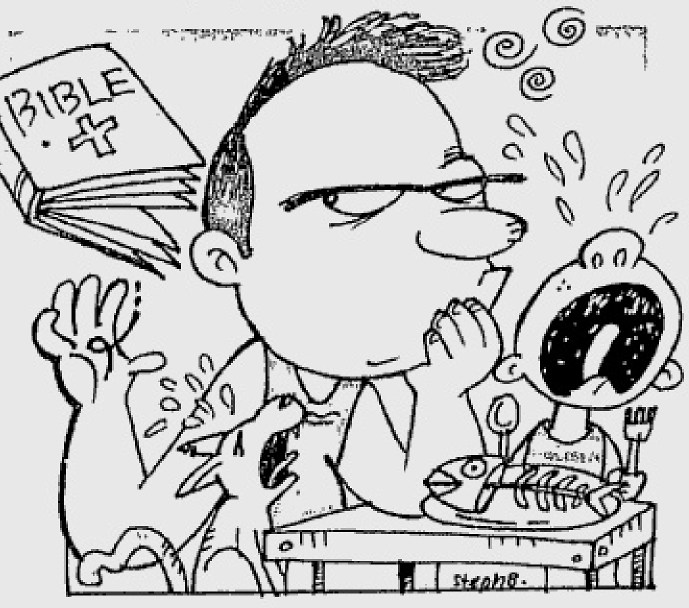
Earn heaven

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

A GOOD deal of my work as a bishop is to talk about heaven, to encourage the faithful to work and live in this world to attain the heavenly reward of eternal life. I cannot, however, describe heaven from any direct personal experience of it. Only Jesus, "the Son of Man" who has come down from heaven, can tell people convincingly about it. We understand what heaven is if we listen to Jesus and look at His life and work.

Jesus lived a life of a worker—a carpenter in Nazareth. He experienced working with his hands, sweating out and feeling tired. He also knew how good it feels to see the fruits of his work, like a well-crafted piece of furniture, for instance. During the last three years of His life, Jesus associated closely with simple, ordinary workers such as fishermen, tax collectors and others whom He made collaborators in His mission. He worked hard until the end, proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. Jesus, the "one who came down from heaven," transformed these human experiences and activities into something "heavenly" by living and working among us.

Thus, the life of Jesus has given our daily work and all other work-related experiences greater value and meaning. The ordinary work we do in this world acquires a heavenly dimension when we believe in Jesus. We only need to believe in Jesus—to recognize that He is the One sent by the Father, and to give to Him all we are and do—to make the eight hours a day of work a source of eternal happiness. Offering to Jesus our day's work will provide us with much greater satisfaction than the daily wage we earn by it. It will earn heaven for us! *(Email the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net.*)*



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John 3:13-17

No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man... For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

Mang Teban

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

THE MOST exasperating person to talk about heaven to is the hard-working "common *tao*" with an empty stomach. Like Mang Teban—he thinks that people who talk about aiming for heaven don't really know what it's like to work 18 hours a day in order to feed seven children. He believes "heaven talk" should be reserved for "rich people" because, having no survival problems to bother with, they can very well focus on heaven. It's so sad to imagine how such erroneous thinking will one day infect the mind of Mang Teban's seven children and their children and grandchildren-to-be, etc. etc.

I understand why most people tend to feel that talk about desiring heaven (read: being good) should only be initiated when the stomach is full (as if man's faculty for embracing truth depended on food to function), but I also happen to think that putting heaven as our number one concern would take care of the rest of our needs. Plus, most probably, the needs of others as well, through us.

If man's primary concern were to fill his belly, then there wouldn't be one problematic rich man in the world, and no hungry man would ever become a millionaire. Mang Teban, the kingdom of heaven is not just the promise of a pie-in-the-sky-when-you-die, but can begin right here on earth. And we do have a hand in bringing it about—by making Jesus king of our being—loved, honored and obeyed in everything we do. Bowing to Him as king not just with our lips but more so with our life, how can we go wrong, get lost, or hungry ever again? *(Email the author at* avemaria@csi.com.ph.*)*

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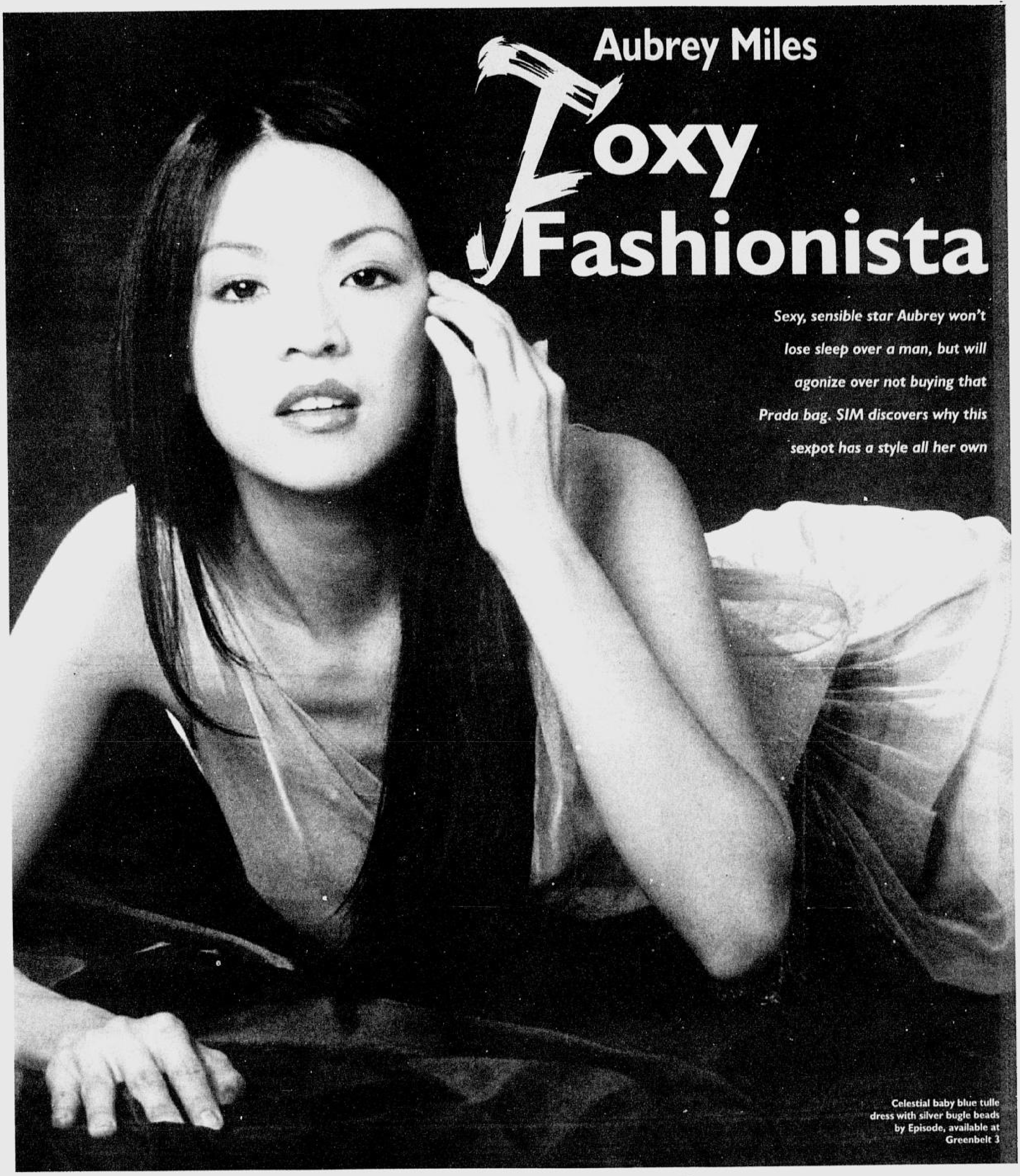

Aubrey Miles
Foxy Fashionista

Sexy, sensible star Aubrey won't lose sleep over a man, but will agonize over not buying that Prada bag. SIM discovers why this sexpot has a style all her own

Celestial baby blue tulle dress with silver bugle beads by Episode, available at Greenbelt 3

By Y. Provinio
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DAILY noontime TV host and sexy actress Aubrey Miles stunned her fans recently when she turned down a chance to tackle dramatic roles. Her honest answer was a "no" to showbiz matriarch Mother Lily Monteverde's invitation. "You're ripe for serious roles. We could develop you," said the iconoclastic Regal Films star maker. To which Aubrey truthfully answered, "I'm fine where I am right now. Drama is definitely in my future plans, though."

This beauty has brains enough to know where she stands on the road to fame. Aubrey Miles knows how to walk the walk, with stars in her eyes but with both feet firmly grounded. She is not a fad, considering her priority is discovering her own style and self.

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Keeper of the Classics

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PLAYING Sergei Rachmaninoff's four concertos in one blow is kind of like running a marathon: It's exhausting, and demands a hell of a lot of endurance. Having toyed with the idea since last year, Raul Sunico takes on the concert pianist's ultimate challenge in "The Rach Concert," on September 14, 8 pm, at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo. Accompanied by the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Herminigildo Ranera, "The Rach Concert" marks a first in Sunico's remarkable career.

"Normally, you don't play four concertos in one night; usually you only play one, sometimes two. The most I did was three but that's a rarity because one concerto takes roughly 30-40 minutes to complete," he explains. Sunico, whose soft-spoken voice is barely audible amidst trumpet practice at the University of Sto.Tomas' Conservatory of Music, adds with a chuckle, "I hope we're not scaring the audience away."

Not at all. Astute ears will recognize some of Rachmaninoff's "greatest hits" in this concert, which celebrates 2003 as Rachmaninoff Year. Concerto 2 is said to be the Russian composer's signature piece, and Concerto 3 was played in film "Shine." And then there's Sunico's singular brand of piano-playing. Hailed by his mentor Sascha Gorodnitzki for his "unusual gifts of lyricism and poetry in his playing, as well as great brilliance," Sunico himself would not realize the extent of his genius until much later in his life.

Growing up in a household that included his grandmother and two families (his and his father's brother's), Sunico took piano lessons simply because it was what his siblings and cousins did. "I didn't know what I was getting into," says Sunico, who was all of five at the time. He also sensed a growing interest, thanks in part to a cousin.

"I always emulated her, so whatever pieces she was playing I wanted to play too," he says. "Suddenly, I started to have goals."

So much so that when his cousin quit piano and left for the States, Sunico, the only professional musician in his family, would take piano-playing to greater heights. As a high school junior, he juggled studies at the Ateneo de Manila with lessons under Centro Escolar University teacher Marina Diokno. At 15, he took lessons with Benedicta Macaisa at the University of the Philippines, where he would earn degrees in music, *cum laude*, math and a Master's in statistics.

After graduation, Sunico studied some more, this time under the tutelage of UST Conservatory of Music director and sought-after piano teacher Benjamin Tupas. Strangely, despite all the time he was spending on the instrument, music was something he did on the side; working in a bank and teaching math in UP were his real occupations.

That would all change in 1972 when Sunico replaced an ill Tupas at the last minute to perform a piano concerto specially commissioned by First Lady Imelda Marcos as a birthday gift to former President Ferdinand Marcos. "Actually, that was the first time I realized I had more potential than others," reflects Sunico who, memorized the 40-page piece overnight and stole the show with his flawless delivery.

It was a defining moment in the young pianist's life. All set to study his doctorate in statistics at Brown University, he opted instead for Mrs. Marcos' offer—a scholarship at New York's prestigious Juilliard School. That opportunity opened many doors abroad. He received grants to obtain his doctorate in piano performance, excelled in a number of international competitions, and caught everyone's attention in solo recitals and as a concert pianist for renowned American and European orchestras.

Accomplished performer that he was, however, the real plan was "to come home one day and contribute something," says Sunico, who did just that when he returned to the Philippines in January 2002 after living in New York for 27 years. A teacher at heart, he wrote the award-winning *"Himig,"* a five-volume series of Philippine folk songs arranged for piano, and authored *"Musika at Sining,"* a DECS-approved textbook series used in public elementary schools all over the country. He's also recorded about 35 CDs and regularly gives lectures to private and public school music teachers.

What keeps him busy, though, is his work as Dean of UST's Conservatory of Music, a post he assumed in February 2002. Thus far, he's streamlined the conservatory's curriculum, but for this well-traveled performer, the best lessons are the ones learned outside the classroom. Keen on the advantages of international exposure, he's sent a member of his faculty to France for a conductor's seminar, and is grooming UST's Symphony Band for an upcoming festival in Korea.

Some may consider his efforts idealistic—how many kids enrolled at the conservatory go on to become world-famous concert musicians, anyway? Still, Sunico thinks it's worth it. Classical music may be a minority in this day and age of Chinese boy bands, "but I'm confident that it will continue to be around even after my lifetime. In fact, I think it's the music of today that will fade away," he declares.

A true-blue foodie, he admits with a good-natured pat to his gut, he has tasted every exotic dish there is, but continues to crave for Filipino cuisine. "I don't consider myself a gourmet," he says, "but I can cook *bacalao, puchero* and other dishes from the recipes of my mom."

How does this consummate pianist manage to make centuries-old music sound as fresh as the day it was first played? With a commitment to practice and deliver a performance that would make the likes of Rachmaninoff proud. "As performers, we're responsible for what the composer wants to impart to the audience. And that is what I want to share with our young musicians," he says. "Always try to be as prepared as possible. So when you present classical music to a non-classical crowd, you would have propagated the appreciation for good music, music that is worth listening to."

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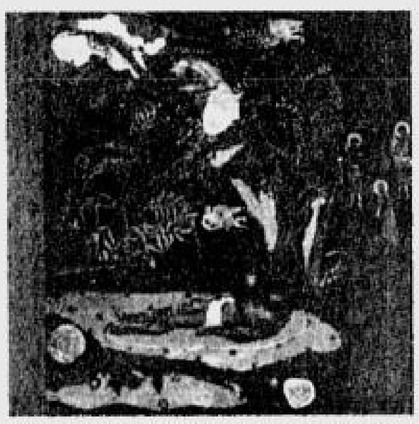

"Ukay-Ukay," a group exhibit on view until September 20 at the Hiraya Gallery . The exhibit showcases the works of Leonard Aguinaldo, Valeria Cavestany, Mario de Rivera (work shown above), Fernando Escora, Ige Ramos and Francisco Pellicer Viri. For inquiries, visit the Hiraya Gallery at 530 U.N. Avenue, Ermita or call 523-33331. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

Drowning

Pleadingly, the man's hooked
breath plunges into the lover's mouth.
Nothing catches still.

The body remains motionless
as the water's bed.

Already, the trees surround them
in mournful distance. Leaves folded
in the early dark.

And the lake mirrors their grief
without remorse as though mocking
the man's breathless kisses.

Her cold pointed breasts lie
naked before him, unsexual.

The buttons ripped in hurry
no longer part of the landscape.
The same delay he so lovingly
released one at a time.

Then he beats her chest the way
the passionate eventually surrenders.

Not far from them, something stirs
in the depth. Like a deep breath
of water, unstrung.

Allan Popa

Fire Exit

may mga damdamin na hinuhugot
    sa isipan
may mga palagay na bumubukal
    sa larawan

tulad ng pananabik
    sa kutitap ng dagitab na pula
tulad ng pag-asang
    sa dilim mararamdaman kita

lalo't kinukulit baga ang alaala
    ng ngiting di mapalis ng palad
hindi ko na mapag-iba
    ang pawis sa ulan—o kaya'y

luha—o kaya'y tamis-alat ng iyong
    katawan
na hinding-hindi man lamang naidpatan
    nitong puso

nakabitin sa tabing-hagdan,
    nakalambitin sa pagkadarang

Camilo M. Villanueva Jr.

Poetry

A kitchen sonnet

Rainbow within our cupboard, a motley store of flavor—
curry, fiery like a lover spurned; leaf of chervil or
basil oil, taste odd like that first kiss before,
then tempts these lips, left wanting more.

Ma, you have taught me well. I can mince, dice, slice and chop:
sliver of onion, garlic cloves, a parsley sprig or parsnip top
then prepare a marinade or lovely soup, bittersweet in every drop,
like the heart's folly, too late made to stop.

And I can make a masterpiece out of any meal or dish:
pinch of paprika or a piece of pepper on a pickled relish,
rose from a carrot with a zucchini leaf, a garnish.
It is with these lovaly things that we conceal a failed wish.

Spice, stir or serve - all these I already learned
save a remedy for these lips that have been burned.

Jeanie B. Nieva

Aubrey

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Aubrey is doing her time in the trenches, playing weekly man magnet on a comedy sitcom, making personal appearances out of town, and doing her tour of duty at crowded malls. She's even tried singing on morning talk shows.

Always dressed seductively but not brazenly, she projects sex with class. This sexpot-with-a-brain image explains her decision to temporarily stay faithful to sexy roles because that's what her adoring public clamors and pays for.

Aubrey isn't one of those hot babes who do fashion-slash-striptease shows. Neither has she done a soft porn karaoke CD or joined the ranks of dancing burlesque queens who set stages on fire. She is a lone ranger on the pony express to success. "Besides, I have no training and am not ready to try drama yet," says Aubrey. In fact, what she concentrates on, besides maintaining her 34-24-34 body via gym work and the scientific treatments of Dr. Vicki Belo, is perfecting her fashion persona. Forget stepping out with hunks and bankers; she would walk a mile for that perfect fashion accessory.

On the day of the shoot for this cover, Aubrey was late but warned us ahead of time that her noontime show would end with a cake-throwing melee. The star went home, showered and showed up bright-eyed and without makeup. Dressed in Diesel Jeans and a Lacoste polo shirt, she was at once preppie and a sex siren. She was fretting over a Prada handbag she didn't buy the day before the shoot. "I won't lose sleep over a man, but regrets over good fashion accessories stress me out."

Geoff Simpson raved about her facial skin. Simpson said she has no pores, only intriguing doe eyes, as he simply blow-dried her unrebonded straight hair. Her makeup would be simple, yet would project '50s classic movie star glamor. And she brought her own stylish stilettos, a Manolo Blahnik and two Jimmy Choos, no less.

She surveyed the five outfits laid out and fingered the beads on a '20s flapper gown by Jessica. "This I can buy for an awards night." Aubrey is frugal, but will spend for the perfect accessory as she builds a working celebrity wardrobe. "I hunt down the perfect accessory. Bags and shoes are priorities since they can give my white Anne Klein tee and DKNY jeans a personality," the star muses. "I can stalk the malls and wait patiently for seasonal sales. It's exciting to find something for 70 percent off, and yet it fits and is right on target." The young star likes to mix styles—retro printed tops, sexy jerseys, man-tailored shirts and glittering glam-rock tops. She loves jeans, from Armani AX or Calvin Klein, perfect for her long and delicious gams. "My high is finding a belt or a coat that I've waited maybe two years to find," says Aubrey.

That is her real inner satisfaction—spending hard-earned money for something she craves for. "My first paycheck was splurged on La Perla underwear," says Aubrey. She knows 99 percent of all beauty is youth, so she is fine-tuning the package that she bestows on all her fans: She does Pilates and runs early in the morning. "You've got to have the energy. That noontime show is a killer. Your outfit has to be comfy yet stunning. Not as easy as you think."

First outfit is a twin set and mini skirt by Episode. "This is so *pa*-girl," kids Aubrey. She's a creatively intuitive Piscean who can change roles as fast as she slips into her multi-personality wardrobe.

On a black cloth-covered platform, the photographer asks Aubrey to recline like Venus in repose. Instead, Aubrey climbs the set on all fours like a feline predator. She notices 50 or so hot-blooded male spectators gathered around, which makes her a little shy suddenly. We ask for some applause, and the men break into a hearty cheer. This puts the star back in her element. "I've never been harassed," she muses when asked about her encounters with the public. "People stare at me. I smile whenever someone greets me. But most of the time, I look straight ahead. It's as if I don't want to see the reactions of people."

Legally bold at age 22, Aubrey was asked if her parents support her career choice. "At first, no. But I am old enough to know that what I'm doing is not only beneficial to me but to my whole family. I give 40 percent of my earnings to my mom. They love that I'm on TV everyday. They are traditional but supportive."

Is she a rebellious child? She shakes her head while smiling. An honor student during her high school days, she is currently in her second year level via a home study program.

A diligent and intelligent 21st century Filipina, empowered by destiny, willing to work hard and always ready for a reality check, Aubrey will go a long way. May her journey in this quirky if forever volatile world of showbiz be a simple one. And may she always be dressed for the part. ◘

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Trailblazers

By Eric S. Caruncho

Still Singin' the Blues

Home in Manila recently to finish his latest all-original album, Binky Lampano proves that he's still the leading voice of this earthy musical genre

BINKY Lampano sings like a painter paints: He likes to step back from time to time and appraise his handiwork. He does this often.

At a recent gig with his crack blues outfit Lampano Alley, he actually stepped off the stage several times, leaving the mike, to catch a better view of the band as it cooked. Like any member of the audience, Binky would clap his hands and shake his head—as if to say "Damn! We're good!"—as harp player Tom "Harmonicat" Colvin or guitarist Edwin Vergara launched into another blistering solo, while the rhythm section of bassist Simon Tan and drummer Jojo Lim kept a mighty pulse going.

When the time came for the chorus, Binky didn't even bother to come back to the mike: He just sang from where he was. Even without amplification, his patented gravel-and-molasses baritone cut through the mix.

The man's definitely got his mojo workin'.

Proof positive can be found on "Songs From The Alley," Lampano Alley's first album on the indie label N/A Records, which the band recently launched with a series of performances.

"It was basically a Cecil B. de Mille production, like 'Ben Hur,' " laughs Binky. "Four or five years in the making. Other bands can pull off one in maybe two weeks?"

It was a long time coming, but for local blues aficionados, well worth the wait. Apart from being the first local blues album consisting entirely of original compositions, it is the first recorded evidence of Lampano's musical growth since his long out-of-print solo debut, 1991's "I Heard The News."

Twelve years between albums is a long time, even for Binky. But then, he's packed a lot of living in between.

Reynaldo "Binky" Lampano grew up in the tough Leveriza neighborhood in Pasay, the son of a Pasay City cop. At age six, he discovered a talent for singing, but even then, he already had a contrary streak.

"I didn't like being the court jester," he says. "I would sing on my own, but the more people asked me to sing, the more I wouldn't. Maybe that's what you call the artistic streak."

He also discovered a talent for mimicry: He could pick up any singer's vocal mannerisms naturally from listening to records. But even then, he instinctively knew that this was the easy way out.

"My musical journey has been a process of forgetting that, because I was afraid of losing my self," he says in hindsight. "I wanted to hear my own voice."

He got his chance when he joined Dean's December, one of the new wave bands that sprouted in the mid-1980s, along with the Dawn, Identity Crisis and Ethnic Faces. One time his dad came to a gig to see Binky perform. He walked out soon after with his hands over his ears. (For his part, years of exposure to high-decibel music has left Binky's hearing permanently impaired.)

It was, more than anything, a confusing time. Although the band managed to release three albums, Binky felt out of sorts and ill at ease in the scene.

"I didn't know where my road lay," he admits.

Punk and its offspring new wave was, in many ways, a rebellion against classic rock, and by extension its roots in black music: blues, soul, jazz—precisely the kind of music that he felt the most kinship with.

"I Heard The News," Binky's 1991 debut album as a solo artist, was a transition. Much of the album was still new wave-influenced, with strong echoes of U2-style arena rock in its massive guitar sound. Almost as an afterthought, Binky had tossed in a cover of Ray Charles' "Hallelujah I Love Her So," which stuck out from the rest of the album like a sore thumb. Ironically, it was the afterthought that garnered the most attention and airplay, and pointed the way to the future.

Following the album's release, Binky formed the Newly-Industrialized Combo or NIC, a pun on the Ramos government's economic program. Unlike Dean's December, NIC consisted of musicians steeped in black musical forms. It ventured into previously unexplored musical territory, mining the juncture where the blues met jazz and jazz met soul. Totally at odds with the "alternative" rock that was beginning to emerge at the time, the NIC was an improvisational outfit, with unfashionably long solos and intricate ensemble playing.

Unfortunately, the NIC broke up before the band could record an album. But the direction had been set. In 1996, Binky formed Lampano Alley with NIC's harmonica player, Tom Colvin. They soon recruited guitarist Edwin Vergara, bassist Simon Tan and drummer Jojo Lim, younger players with an extensive jazz background. Unlike the NIC, Lampano Alley was more solidly in the blues tradition. But because the members were jazz players, it retained an improvisational edge. It wasn't just meat-and-potatoes blues, it was meat, potatoes and gravy.

It couldn't have come at a better time. Manila was in the midst of a full-scale blues revival, fueled by a clutch of bands such as the Blue Rats, the Mexicali Blues Band, Bluesviminda—bands that soon found a solid audience among local blues enthusiasts. The revival would culminate in two successive Manila Blues Festivals, in which Binky became something of an elder statesman of the blues for younger players.

"There were a lot of raised eyebrows when we came out," recalls Binky. "Where the hell did these guys come from? But I said, let's just play with air, with space. And when they hear us—at least on the better nights—they can hear every note. It's crystal. And I'm proud of that."

With crack blues outfit Lampano Alley

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Around the time he formed Lampano Alley, Binky also started a family, finding a wife and siring a son. From all indications, he was finally settling down into the right groove.

But it was not to be. Three years ago, he was called to Los Angeles to care for his ailing father, who finally passed on earlier this year. The crisis proved to be an opportunity for a sobering reappraisal of his life. Among other things, Binky discovered that he had what he calls a chemical imbalance that was responsible for his mood swings. He now takes Zoloft, a drug similar to Prozac, to keep the condition in check. He also decided to go back to school, earning a degree in Business Information Systems from Cal State, while earning a living as a freelance computer tech.

He is also scheduled to complete a second degree in Liberal Arts from another community college in LA later this year.

Zoloft therapy may not be the only reason for the newer, mellower Binky.

"I'm older—I'm not saying wiser—but my outlook in life has changed, specially after my father passed away," he says. "In terms of emotional content, I've achieved a lot of experience."

And emotional content is what the blues is all about.

"*Paano mo patataasin ang balahibo ng tao? Hindi ka naman si Rico J. Puno.* (How do you get people's hair to stand on end? I'm not Rico J. Puno.) *Wala ka nang tinatawag na* sex gravitas. I explore the tunes. What is their resonance in your life? I have a jazz group. I sing jazz. But I'm really more comfortable being called a blues singer."

The blues, he says, is neither black, nor white, nor brown, but a universal expression of human frailties.

"At the end of the day, when you go home, and you didn't make your boundary, and you're hungry, the hard facts set in. I doubt if an F4 song would be the first thing to come out of your lips: You'll be singing the blues."

The tunes were slow in coming, he explains.

"I'm not so much interested in writing my own words as in interpreting stuff. I believe that everything that needs to be written has been written already."

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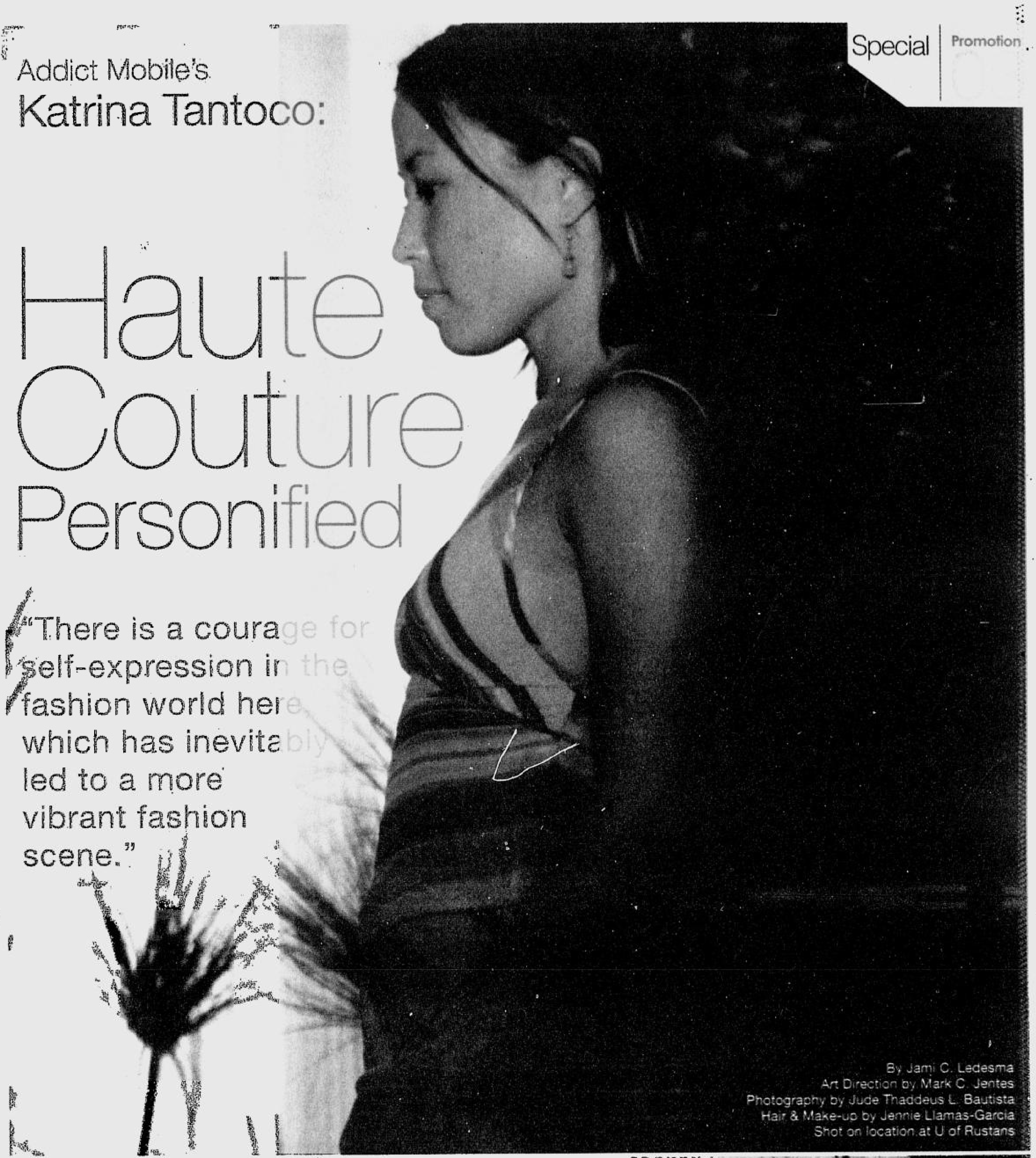

> "There is a courage for self-expression in the fashion world here, which has inevitably led to a more vibrant fashion scene."

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Shot on location at U of Rustans

Anyone guilty of a fashion faux pas should seek and meet the lovely Katrina Tantoco. After all, this warm and accommodating fashion icon has modishly redefined the term 'style', turning hackneyed images of old school Pinoy get-up to sepia when she launched her very own vibrant prêt a porter collection--U of Rustans.

Ever since U was launched a couple of years ago, we have witnessed nothing short of a fashion revolution. Just scan the party set gracing the country's bubbliest nightspots to appreciate how far we've come from the staid and perfunctory dress codes of, say, the acid wash 80s.

Katrina's U collection has truly been instrumental in helping young Filipinos understand that fashion is essentially all about self-expression, without having to conform to any standards or conventions, as she reveals in this candid interview:

What is fashion to you?

Fashion is about expressing oneself. It's not so much about what others prescribe, rather it's about what makes you feel good. I'm a true believer that fashion should be fun. It should be a facet of life that you can play with. It shouldn't be taken too seriously or be too contrived.

Who are your favorite designers?

Manolo Blahnik, Marc Jacobs, Ann Demeulemeester-- for her 1970s rock star tailoring, Betsey Johnson-- one designer who has pure fun with fashion, Oscar de la Renta, Matthew Williamson, Alexander McQueen, Sass & Bide, Vivienne Westwood, Adi Dassler of Adidas, to name a few off the top of my head.

What do you think of the fashion trends in the country today?

In the last few years, I've observed radical changes in the fashion world here. There is a courage for self-expression, which has inevitably led to a more vibrant fashion scene.

If fashion is all about self-expression, why do you think most people in Manila are so judgmental about what others wear?

It's a distressing component of fashion but it is also a reality. As cliché as this may sound, I think people will always have an opinion on anything, and that is their right. But as long as we are not overly concerned with the opinions of others, it shouldn't be too much of a problem.

What basic items are the "must haves" in your wardrobe?

Denim jeans for their versatility; a white cotton shirt; a classic watch and a hat. For shoes, it would really have to depend on my mood.... trainers, flip flops, stilettos..

What outfit would most describe you and why?

As much as I like dressing up, I think a casual, tropical, beach outfit would best describe me simply because I'm in my element when I'm at the beach. An example of that would probably be a straw or terry hat, a cotton button down shirt, a swimsuit and flip flops...a buko shake would be great to top it all off!

What item in an outfit usually makes or breaks it?

The easiest thing that can break an outfit, I think, are shoes.

How does Addict Mobile's downloadable content on fashion come in handy in your line of work?

There are several features of Addict Mobile's fashion section that are extremely useful. Instead of having to drive through traffic to find out whether or not there's a sale or a store has got some new goods, I can easily extract all this information from my phone. The fashion tip of the day can also be interesting. The links to other fashion information through the net is helpful when I'm stuck in traffic.

When you're not working, what do you consider a good way to kill time?

The ideal scenario would be a weekend out of town. If that's not possible, chilling at home with friends... movie marathons... reading... getting a massage... singing my heart out while driving my car... attempting to cook for a bunch of unfortunate guinea pigs... playing a couple of games of squash...oh, and a day or a few hours at a spa.

Care to share the secret behind your legendary golden tan?

There really is no secret! I try to go to the beach as often as I can cause I enjoy almost any water sport. It comes with the lifestyle I choose. I love being outdoors. I've realized that I'm not so much a city person as I thought I was.

-JCL

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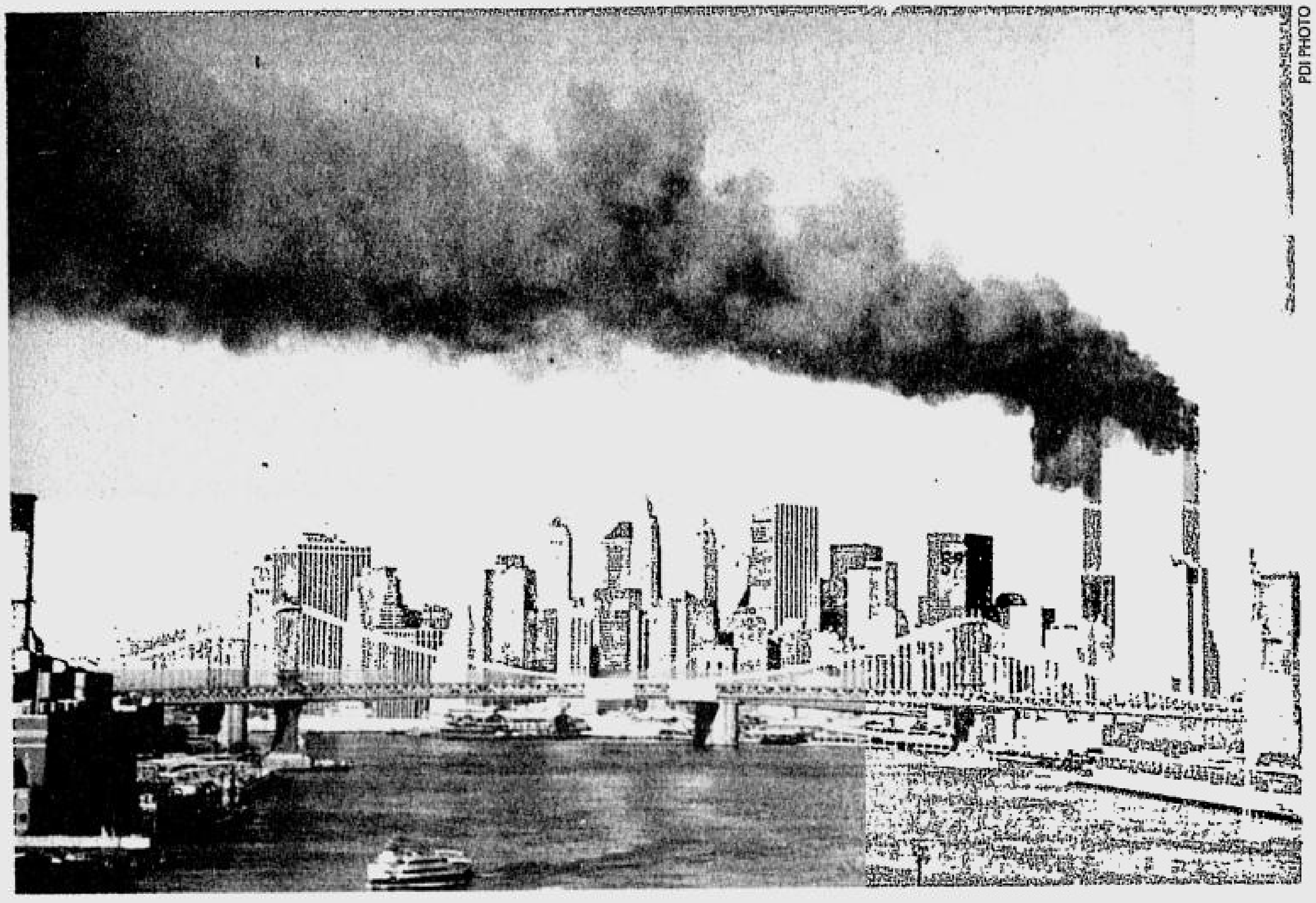
The Artist Abroad

By Luis H. Francia

New World Disorder

Many of the families of the 9/11 victims have been outspoken against the wars of retribution that Washington has launched, most of whose casualties have been civilians. Not in our name, they and others opposed to this monstrous militarism say



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New York—The flags are still here, though fewer in number. On our street, where there used to be a veritable gallery of the Stars and Stripes, I now see only two. Down by Ground Zero, the capitalist impulse took over a while ago, with vendors doing brisk sales in photos of the towers, New York fire and police department emblems, T-shirts, and other iconic reminders of that fateful day. I have nothing against such commercial, albeit unappealing, entrepreneurship, perhaps because it attempts to place the unprecedented (and let's all hope there won't be a second act) within the context of the quotidian, of going on with life.

But two years after 9/11, the unmistakable, unambiguous declaration of patriotism—and of sympathy and goodwill on the part of other peoples elsewhere—that displaying the Stars and Stripes signaled has metamorphosed into something less sanguine, more conflicted. That moment when the world was briefly united in its condemnation of the terrorist attack on the twin towers and in its heartfelt empathy for America has evaporated, thanks to the mean-spirited, short-sighted leadership of Washington. For all its high-minded rhetoric and posturing, the Bush government remains spiritually closer to, rather than apart from, Al Qaeda.

The White House's main talent has been for waging war; its dogmatic, righteous insistence on bombing as the solution to terrorism more frightening than any potential threat that a shadowy organization presents, precisely because of its unequalled military might. Its actions betray a lack of moral vision and a cold-hearted agenda that has nothing to do with achieving genuine peace and everything to do with expanding the eagle's imperial reach while making it a highly profitable venture—but only for a few, mind you.

How has the war on terrorism made the world a safer place? Has it reduced the ordinary citizens' sense of paranoia? We are being led by a government that attacks immigrants' rights, expands its surveillance powers at the same time that it curtails civil liberties, exhibits an unhealthy fetish for secrecy, and builds up what is already the most powerful military force in the world, at the expense of social programs and education—all in the name of security and our own good. And yet no one I know feels any safer. Quite the contrary: More people now worry about another terrorist attack than last year. The U.S. economy bleeds as the budget surpluses of the previous administration fade from memory.

You would think that the tragedy of that brilliantly clear September morning—an apocalyptic scene that remains indelibly sketched in my mind's eye—would have led the planet's sole superpower to think, in tandem with the rest of the developed nations, of how to address the root causes that drive desperate men to desperate acts laid out by preachers of hate as the only path to salvation. It's frightening and depressing to listen to an American president who claims to chat with God on a regular basis. If you met a neighbor who told you in no uncertain terms that he'd just finished conversing with the Almighty, what would you think? Given the quality of claimants to his ear I think God seriously needs to upgrade his Rolodex.

Here in Gotham, many of the victims' families have been outspoken against the wars of retribution that Washington has launched, most of whose casualties have been civilians. Not in our name, they and others opposed to this monstrous militarism say. Already, the carnage in Afghanistan and Iraq far exceeds the loss of lives in 9/11; even allowing for an-eye-for-an-eye principle, one could argue that fair retribution has been exacted. You would think the killing would stop. And yet, it continues, with American soldiers puzzled as to why, if the war on Iraq was over in May, and they were supposed to be hailed as liberators, they continue to draw hostile fire. And to die.

In his "To Foreign Lands," Whitman wrote, "And to define America, her athletic Democracy/ therefore I send you my poems that you behold in them what you want to." His America-expansive, forward-looking, generous, amalgam of the whole world—as well as the America of Martin Luther King, Jr.—a color-blind nation of equality and justice—seem to have been disappeared, salvaged, along with the twin towers. In the face of official reaction to 9/11 that is colossal in its ignorance and arrogance, I feel compelled more than ever to put pen to paper, trying to define my own "athletic democracy" even as the alleged war on terrorism seeks to undermine it. The spirits of 9/11 must surely feel betrayed by this New World Disorder. Armies on the march, stirring speeches, and memorials in stone might seem impressive, but they pale beside those we could erect in our own lives with compassion and dignity rather than nightmares and blood.

All in the Game

By Sharon Roberto-Reyes

A Mother in the Dugout

Accompanying her son and his baseball team to Japan, this parent experiences firsthand how sports can bridge cultural and language barriers and bring young people together

"MOM, I don't want to go anymore!" my son Matt pleaded two nights before our flight to Fukuoka City, Japan. It was March 26, 2003, and both the US-Iraq war and the SARS outbreak were hogging the headlines.

It was a struggle for the eleven boys of the Alabang Baseball Club (ABC), their directors, coach, and parents (including this writer), before flying off to Fukuoka City, Japan. We were to engage in seven days of friendly baseball games and cultural exchange.

Some parents who could not accompany their sons in this trip were also tempted to pull their boys out from the team, but word of honor and commitment prevailed. Thus, despite the threats, the ABC, on brave wings and tons of prayer, honored the invitation that the Fukuoka Japan Boys Baseball League sent. Last March 28 to April 3, 2003 the first Alabang-Fukuoka Friendship Series kicked off to a courageous start.

Months of tedious preparation and anxiety paid off when the ABC was warmly welcomed at the airport. Our sons (aged 9 to 13) were grouped in pairs and fetched by their assigned "home-stay" families. For the duration of our trip, two Filipino boys would be living with a designated Japanese family, whose sons were also baseball players.

The anxious spirits of the parents and coaches were immediately calmed after seeing the Japanese families trying to make our sons feel so at home and comfortable despite the language barrier. Most of the Japanese knew very little English.

After a congenial and sumptuous "Welcome Party" held atop a soccer stadium, the boys went off with their host families. Luckily for us parents, our hotel was located across beautiful Maizuro Koen (*Koen*, meaning "Park") dotted with cherry blossom trees. Yes, it was *Sakura* (Cherry Blossom) season! The Japanese organizers had wisely scheduled our Games to coincide with the blooming of their most famous and beautiful flora, the end of the Philippine school year as well as the tail-end of the Japanese boys' vacation.

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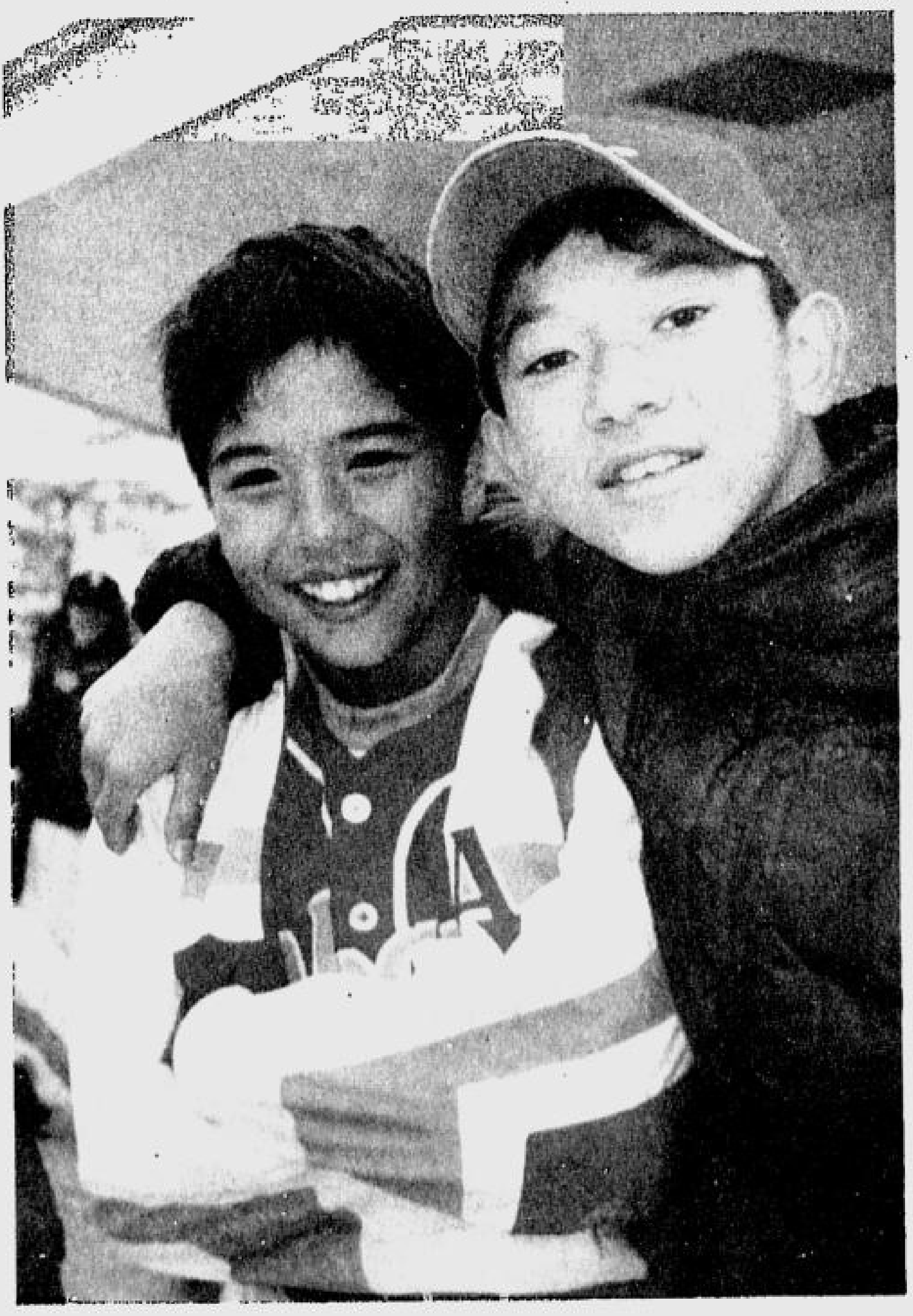

Filipino and Japanese smiles after the game: Matt Reyes of the Alabang Baseball Club (left) and Makun Yahiro

This Week

Art

"UPVM is *DAANG BAKAL: Tren, Tranvia at LRT/MRT*" showcases images of Philippine railroad progress from the collection of Dr. Leonardo Q. Liongson. Dr. Liongson is a professor of hydraulics engineering and is passionately gathering documents and photographs about the history of locomotive in this country. The exhibit is on view until September 30 at the Lobby of the UP Vargas Museum, Roxas Avenue, Diliman, Q.C. For inquiries, call Linda Pabico at 928-1927/920-5301 local 74008 or email vargasmuseum@yahoo.com.

The Pinto Art Gallery features four edgy exhibitions by five contemporary Filipino artists. **"Fire Ice Phantoms and Creatures of the Night"** showcases paintings and installations by Wire Tuazon. Working from the tradition of collaborative work in the production of religious artifacts, Salvador Alonday and Riel Hilario features Christ's Passion in ***"Icones Symbolicae."*** In **"Fruits and Flowers of the Season,"** David Lantz and Yasmin Almonte play with the metaphor of fruit and flowers in describing human sexuality. All four exhibits runs until September 26 at the Pinto Art Gallery, 1 Sierra Madre, Grand Heights, Antipolo. For inquiries, call 697-1015.

Salvador Alonday and Riel Hilario's "Sta. Sophia"

Music

"The Vagina Monologues" opens the New Voice Company 2003 Theatre Season on September 19 to 20 at Republic of Malate. The play features Zeneida Amador, Baby Barredo and Monique Wilson. For inquiries, call the New Voice Company office at 896-6695/899-0630/896-5497 or email nvc@pacific.net.ph.

Onstage

TheatreNow stages Arnold Schnitzler's ***"La Ronde"*** on September 26 to 28 at the Saint Cecilia's Hall of Saint Scholastica's College and the AFP Theatre. For inquiries, call 899-5745/896-3503/897-8075 and 789-8554.

Cinema

New Wit, a collection of four short films will be shown until September 14 at the CCP Dream Theater and until September 18 at the CCP@Dream Channel. "Max Santiago: Agent for Hire" by Maria Ancheta and Mike Avelino, "Juan Orasan" by Geraldine Borja Flores, "A Date with Jao Mapa" by Quark Henares and "*Supot*" by Ogi Sugatan will be the short films to be shown. For inquiries, call CCP Film Division at 832-1125 local 1704 to 1705 or the CCP@Dream Channel at 918-8000.

Atbp

Healing Hearts Ministry will conduct a seminar on release from spiritual, physical and emotional bondage. Entitled **"He Came to Set the Captives Free,"** the seminar will be held on September 15 and 16, 9 a.m. at the Asian Theological Seminary, 54 Scout Madrinan St., South Triangle, Quezon City. Norwegian preacher, Karl Edskerud, is the guest speaker. For more information, please call Auring Nunez, at 928-5409.

"Ang Batang Pinoy Laban sa Droga," a nationwide stamp design contest by the Philippine Postal Corporation is now accepting entries. The contest is open only for elementary and high school students from public and private schools nationwide. Deadline of submission of entries is on September 30. For inquiries, call Alvin Fidelson at 527-0074.

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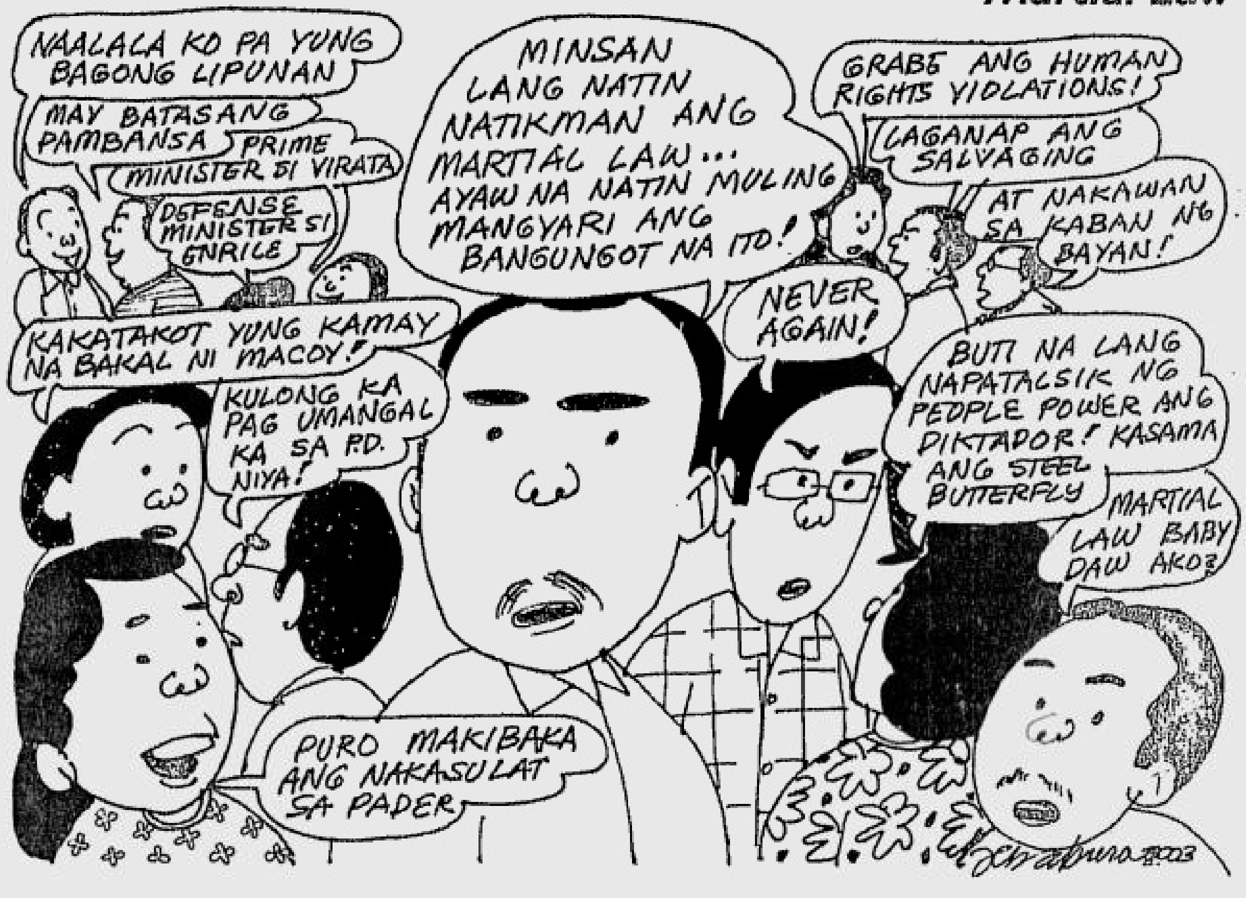
Pinoy Nga

By Jess Abrera

Martial Law



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Love Notes

By Joe D' Mango

What the First Kiss Doesn't Mean

Joe, he is my first love and my first kiss. Is it right to start avoiding Michael and forget about my feelings for him?

Dear Joe,

Just call me Kathleen. I'm 18, a computer science sophomore and a student assistant at our school. I have a friend named Michael, another student assistant in the same office.

We used to be just friends, but we eventually became very close. We spent a lot of time together, and found ourselves falling for each other.

But I know that Michael has a girlfriend. Yet we've also kissed and spent intimate moments together.

Liza, Michael's girlfriend, works in another school but she usually comes over to see him. I know that Michael loves Liza very much, and when I ask him whom he loves more, he just keeps silent. All he knows is that he loves me, too.

One time, Liza visited Michael, but unfortunately he was with me at the canteen. Soon, she became jealous of me. Seeing them together never used to hurt. But it does now. My friends told me to avoid Michael because I'll never win this game. I know I have no right to love him. But others tell me to hang on because Michael seems to enjoy my company more than his girlfriend's.

I don't want to ask him to choose. I love Michael very much and I don't want to hurt Liza's feelings. I knew what I was getting into and I should be ready to suffer its consequences.

Joe, he is my first love and my first kiss. Is it right to start avoiding Michael and forget about my feelings for him? Is it true that first love never dies? What am I going to do to forget him?

Sincerely,
Kathleen

Dear Kathleen,

It's a cold, hard fact that we usually don't end up with the first person we kissed. Yes, the first doesn't always mean the last. We would always want it to last forever. But things happen and people change. Sometimes, we find our relationships slipping out of our hands. We try to keep them, but the feelings just uncontrollably drift away.

Kathleen, when you accepted Michael, you knew the risks involved. You also knew that you could probably win the game though there was always this chance of losing and getting hurt. If you honestly believe that you can never be happy if you win Michael and hurt Liza in the process, then there is no point in holding on. It's always difficult to be the other woman. It always takes insurmountable patience and understanding to live up to playing second fiddle.

If this arrangement makes you feel bad, then you can never be happy in it. Kathleen, it's time to let go and start anew. Make use of what you have learned from it to have more meaningful relationships. Experience is always the best teacher. Learn and grow from it. Remember, Michael could have been the first, but shouldn't be the last.

A Mother

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The Alabang Baseball Club played against a combination of teams from the Fukuoka Japan Boys Baseball League. We played a total of six games, a double-header (two consecutive games) scheduled every other day.

Intimidated by the new environment, homesickness, cold weather and very disciplined competitors, the ABC proved no match for their Japanese counterparts. The Fukuoka boys' teams won every single game! We learned that the Japan league practiced two to three hours everyday and all day Saturday and Sunday! But our boys did their best.

On the first night of our stay, the telephone in my hotel room rang. It was my son. "Hi mom!" his voice shook. I asked if he was crying. "No, I'm just cold" Matt said. I heaved a sigh of relief. The next night he called again. "Is anything wrong?" I asked as I wasn't used to him looking for me as much back home. "I just wanted to say good night," he said. I almost fell off my bed upon hearing that. On the third night, it was my turn to call Matt. I asked if he had called my hotel since we got home late from dinner. "No," he answered, sounding like I had disturbed him. Thank God, he had finally warmed up to his home-stay family.

"Do it for the Philippines! Do it for Adobo!" we'd yell from the dugout. The baseball games were unforgettable and were made more special by the things the boys and adults learned. So much of Japanese culture and discipline was experienced in the games along with the generous and kindred spirits of our hosts. We watched the Japanese children get the field ready themselves: raking the soil, preparing the lines and bases. Before and after every game the Japan boys stand in a very straight line, take their hats off and bow to the competing team, the coaches and officials.

After one game, one Japanese coach offered to teach our pitchers several pitching techniques. On the morning of our fourth day, the Fukuoka Japan Boys Baseball League presented to the ABC a gift of 17 bats and several boxes of baseballs. These pieces of equipment are now being used in our baseball clinics and outreaches.

Our hosts' generosity and hospitality did not end there, as one day, we were all treated to a major league baseball game at the gigantic Fukuoka Dome, home of the famous Fukuoka Daei Hawks. We cheered and ate along with the crowd. Although we couldn't understand a word they were saying, we sure could understand the language of baseball, hotdogs and ice cream!

I was gladdened by the sight of my son communicating with his foster brother, Takuya, by pointing to a phrase in a Japanese-English phrase book. Takuya would do the same and they would laugh at times. I noticed Matt had a new batting glove on. It was to be just one of the many tokens that the Tanigami family would give him. Their generosity and care surely captivated my son as evidenced in a card he wrote to them later on: "Thank you for the many gifts and especially for making me feel at home," with a special note to his home-stay brother: "Dear Takuya, thanks for making me laugh."

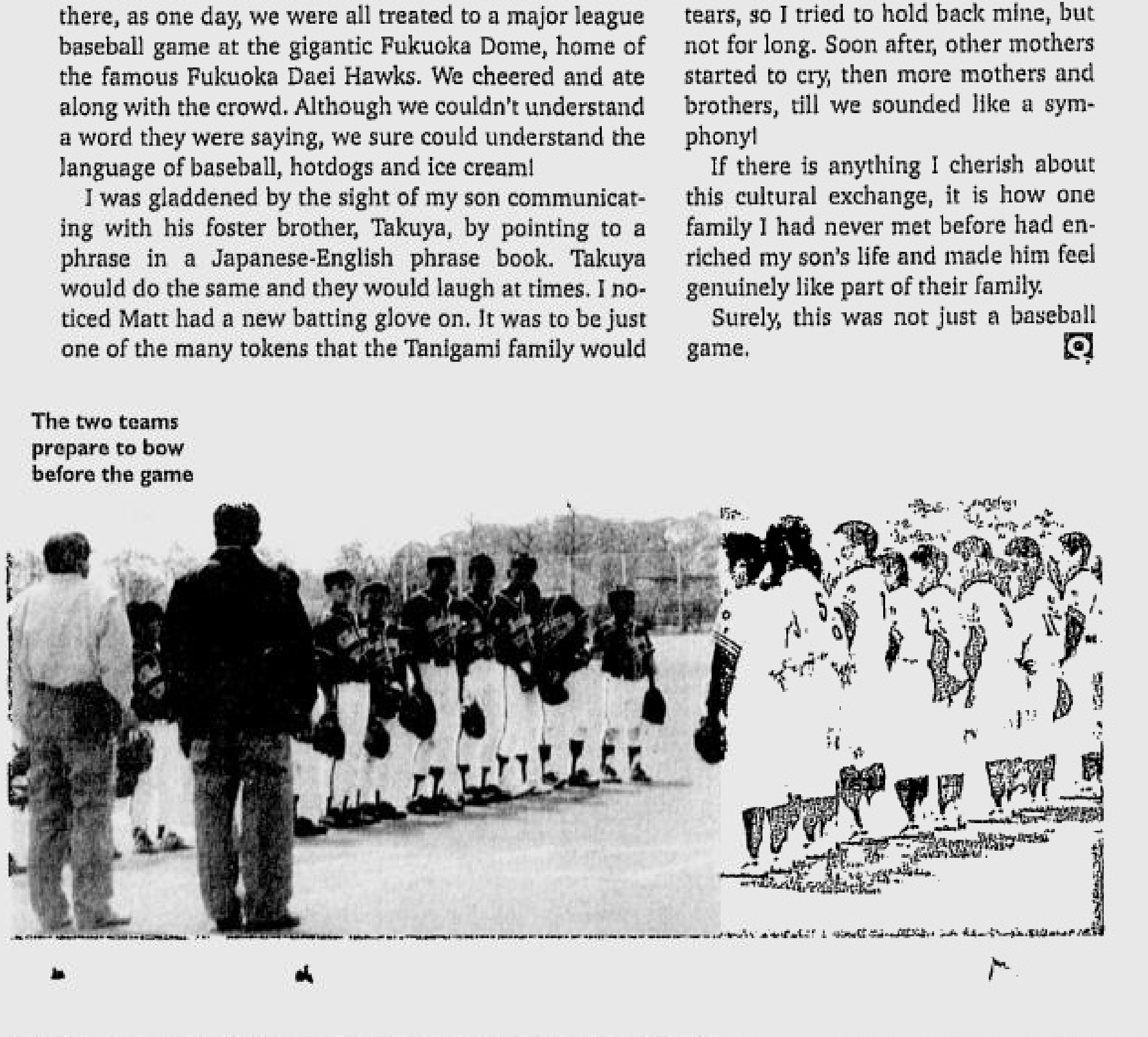
Baseball was not the only item on the agenda. During free days, our boys tasted Japanese hospitality firsthand with their host families. Some went to the "Onsen," the natural hot springs where it is customary to bathe naked with other people. It was an awkward but interesting experience indeed! The kids ate sushi, sashimi and more sushi—and loved it! Aside from feeding and spoiling our sons silly, we were touched by the many heartwarming gestures of the home-stay parents. JC was given an heirloom baseball glove by his home-stay father. The glove belonged to the grandfather. Marco had a picture of his home-stay mom blow-drying his hair. Most of the boys were given personalized albums with pictures of their stay; Bambam's album featured professionally taken pictures and blow-ups along with a touching note: "Thank you for six days. We were very happy. We never forget you. You are a good boy." From Papasan, Mutchan, Kei, and You (Yamaguchi Family).

Even departure time would leave a vivid mark on our memory. At the airport, most of the host families and baseball officials lingered on to bid us farewell. The closer departure time came, the tighter our hearts grew. I saw my son's home-stay mother wiping her tears, so I tried to hold back mine, but not for long. Soon after, other mothers started to cry, then more mothers and brothers, till we sounded like a symphony!

If there is anything I cherish about this cultural exchange, it is how one family I had never met before had enriched my son's life and made him feel genuinely like part of their family.

Surely, this was not just a baseball game.

The two teams prepare to bow before the game



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